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## 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

Mercy and Love without Limits

Today's scripture challenges us to embrace radical love and mercy, modelled after God's boundless compassion. It calls us beyond human instincts of revenge and self-preservation, inviting us instead to live as children of God—marked by forgiveness, generosity, and love for all, even our enemies.

The reading from the book of Samuel presents one of the most striking examples of mercy in the Old Testament. King Saul, driven by jealousy, relentlessly pursues David to kill him. Yet, when David finds Saul vulnerable, asleep with his spear at his side, he refuses to take advantage of the situation. Instead of seeking revenge, David chooses to respect Saul as "the Lord's anointed."

David's decision is a profound lesson in trusting God's justice rather than taking matters into our own hands. It reflects the Christian call to love our enemies, even when we have the power to harm them. David recognizes that true strength lies not in violence but in self-restraint and reverence for God's plan.

In the second reading from St. Paul's letter to Corinthians, he contrasts Adam, the man of dust, with Christ, the man of heaven. Adam represents our fallen nature, prone to selfishness and sin, while Christ embodies the new humanity, transformed by grace. Paul reminds us that, as followers of Christ, we are called to bear His image—to live not according to worldly standards but in the holiness and love of God.

This reading challenges us to rise above the instincts of revenge and hatred. Instead of merely responding to situations as the world does, we are called to reflect the heavenly image of Christ, who loved and forgave even from the cross. The Gospel from Luke's Sermon on the Plain is one of the most radical teachings of Jesus: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you." Jesus calls His disciples to a life of selfless love, generosity, and forgiveness that surpasses human expectations.

This passage is a direct challenge to the logic of the world. It is easy to love those who love us, but true discipleship is measured by our ability to love those who wrong us. Jesus invites us to be merciful as the Father is merciful—offering kindness, not because others deserve it, but because we are children of a merciful God.

The message is one of mercy and love without limits. Like David, we are called to trust in God's justice rather than seek revenge. Like Paul, we must embrace our heavenly identity. And most importantly, we must take to heart Jesus' command to love our enemies, bless those who hurt us, and give without expecting a return.

This is not an easy calling, but it is the way of Christ. In a world that often encourages division and retaliation, Christians are called to stand out as beacons of mercy and love. The question we must ask ourselves is: Are we truly reflecting the image of Christ in the way we treat others, especially those who wrong us?



### 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

**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:

How can we love our enemies? Tick the best answers in the boxes below.

 <p>If someone slaps you on the cheek, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Slap them back</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Forgive them, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Call the police</p>	 <p>If someone teases you and calls you names, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Throw a tantrum</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Find nice things to say about them, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Ask God to punish them</p>	 <p>If someone wants to share your favorite toy, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Tell them to go away</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Let them play with it, but only for 5 minutes, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Let them have it for as long as they like</p>	 <p>If someone is cruel and mistreats you, do you...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A: Ask God to bless them</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> B: Tell everyone how bad that person is, or...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> C: Get even with them</p>
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### 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:

John Mitson, Peter Graham, Giuseppe Attuoni, Agnes Owen, Ada Mohr, Fr Terence Yard, Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Dorris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, Colleen Gladys Margaret Fahey, John Hudson, Emma Landers, Edward Collis, Cecilia Lynch, Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re Sabatino Monaco Gesiotto, Toigo and Siravo Families, Angelina Di Domenico, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Donato Vacca, Isabel Chapman, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Emilio Marchesich, Sr Lucy Healy PBVM, Sr Sarah Hogan PBVM and Sr Joseph Power 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
- Care taker for the Cathedral Bookshop
- Few volunteers for evening events

**WED MIDDAY MASS**  
 11:30AM MULTIFAITH BUILDING SANDY BAY CAMPUS

**WED PRAY | EAT | TALK**  
 5:00PM HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, SANDY BAY

**THUR MIDDAY MASS**  
 12:15PM MULTIFAITH BUILDING SANDY BAY CAMPUS

**THUR BIBLE | EAT | GAMES**  
 6:00PM ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE, HOBART

FOR ENQUIRIES OR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PLEASE EMAIL:  
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**24:7 YOUTH MINISTRY**

**HOBART YOUTH GROUP**

FRIDAY NIGHTS  
 6.00 - 8.00 PM

ST MARY'S NAGLE CENTRE  
 BRISBANE STREET | HOBART

FUN | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP | FAITH

FOR EVERYONE IN GRADES 6-12

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
 SAM 0400 460 277

WHAT'S NEW?

# IN THE DIOCESE

## Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Parishioners are warmly invited to an **informal gathering**, *Caritas Australia Beyond Project Compassion*, to meet with CA guest Nicole Chehine (Sydney), and Diocesan Director, Penny Edman, at St Francis Xavier's Church Hall, 34 Anglesea St, South Hobart, on Sunday, 2 March, 7-8 PM.

You are also warmly invited to attend the **launch of Project Compassion 2025**, at Corpus Christi Church, Bellerive at 11 AM on Monday, 3 March (followed by an optional Q&A session).

Further information, Penny Edman, 0400 896 191 or

[penny.edman@caritas.org.au](mailto:penny.edman@caritas.org.au)



**Pause - retreat for women** that was in last weekends AVE is now fully booked.

## 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.

## FR ASHAN ORDINATION—FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2025

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



## Fr Michael Tate's Lenten talks about Mark's Gospel as a Declaration of War

### 12 March

- War against the Roman Emperor/Empire (Mark 1:1)
- War against demonic powers (Mark 1:21-28)
- War against a privileged social order (Mark 5:21-43)

### 19 March

- War against quarantined holiness (Mark 7:1-8)
- War against exploitative religion (Mark 12:38-42)
- War against bodiless religion (Mark 9:2-10)

The talks will be held on 12 and 19 March at SFX Parish Hall, 34 Anglesea St, at 7 pm.

## CATHOLIC STANDARD - FEBRUARY 2025

The first edition of the Catholic Standard for 2025 Here are some of the highlights from the February edition:

- 'A perfect reflection of love': Fr Ashan Peiris ordained to the priesthood
- A pilgrimage of grace to the Eternal City
- Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope
- New Aussie cardinal hopeful for Ukraine during Jubilee Year
- Young people share in prayerful day of joyful thanksgiving (Carmelite Ember Day)
- UTAS Catholic Chaplaincy set to thrive in 2025
- Nine cadets graduate on historic day for teaching institute



Please collect your copy from the back of Cathedral or Church to take home to share with family and friends.



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 – 7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

### *First Reading* 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

### *Responsorial Psalm* Psalm 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

#### **(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

### *Second Reading* 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so

are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

### *Gospel Acclamation* John 13:34

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment;  
love one another as I have loved you.

#### **Alleluia!**

### *Gospel* Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

#### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Monday 24th February	- Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday 25th February	- Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday 26th February	- Mk 9:38-40
Thursday 27th February	- Mk 9:41-50
Friday 28th February	- Mk 10:1-12
Saturday 1st March	- Mt 10:13-16

#### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

#### **8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C**

First Reading	- Sirach 27:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16
Second Reading	- 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel	- Luke 6:39-45

### **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.**