



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
12.15pm: Friday
6.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

11.00am: Friday
6pm - 12am: Friday (CRYPT)
5pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

RECONCILIATION

11am - 12 Noon: Friday
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - LAETARE SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2022

PARISH NEWS:

From Your Administrator.

My Dear Parishioners,

* This past week was a significant week for the whole church, as per the request of Pope Francis, the universal church gathered on the solemnity of the Annunciation, to consecrate the whole of humanity and especially Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This has been a special request by the Blessed virgin in her apparitions in Fatima. We too under the guidance of Archbishop Julian, had this solemn consecration on Friday, during the 7.30am Mass.

(The Consecration Prayer used for this is in the parish newsletter for your prayerful reflection as well)

- * I'm glad to announce that 40 children from our Cathedral Parish schools will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation next week. As these children and parents prepare for this solemn and sacred event in their life, please keep them in your prayers.
- * This week we continue with the article on the historical overview of the development of the Stations of the Cross. (3rd page of newsletter)

As we progress gradually deeper into the season of Lent, may it be for you a moment to encounter the divine in the everyday activities of life. In Christ, **Fr Leonard.**



Stations of the Cross with Reflections. **Every Friday during Lent at 6pm**

1st April 2022 - St Mary's Cathedral
8th April 2022 - Sacred Heart Church

ROSARY TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN: 7.30am Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, New Town followed by 8am Mass.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:

11am Saturday on First floor in Cathedral Centre.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: 11am Friday and 5pm Saturday in Cathedral and 6pm - 12 midnight in Cathedral Crypt.

RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA: 7pm Friday Prayer Service on First floor of Cathedral Centre.

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**St Mary's
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Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Basilica of Saint Peter - 25 March 2022

O Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our Mother, you love us and know us: no concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Yet we have strayed from that path of peace. We have forgotten the lesson learned from the tragedies of the last century, the sacrifice of the millions who fell in two world wars. We have disregarded the commitments we made as a community of nations. We have betrayed peoples' dreams of peace and the hopes of the young. We grew sick with greed, we thought only of our own nations and their interests, we grew indifferent and caught up in our selfish needs and concerns. We chose to ignore God, to be satisfied with our illusions, to grow arrogant and aggressive, to suppress innocent lives and to stockpile weapons. We stopped being our neighbour's keepers and stewards of our common home. We have ravaged the garden of the earth with war and by our sins we have broken the heart of our heavenly Father, who desires us to be brothers and sisters. We grew indifferent to everyone and everything except ourselves. Now with shame we cry out: Forgive us, Lord!

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the Church and for all humanity. By God's gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love.

We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid.

That is what you did at Cana in Galilee, when you interceded with Jesus and he worked the first of his signs. To preserve the joy of the wedding feast, you said to him: "They have no wine" (*Jn 2:3*). Now, O Mother, repeat those words and that prayer, for in our own day we have run out of the wine of hope, joy has fled, fraternity has faded. We have forgotten our humanity and squandered the gift of peace. We opened our hearts to violence and destructiveness. How greatly we need your maternal help!

Therefore, O Mother, hear our prayer.

Star of the Sea, do not let us be shipwrecked in the tempest of war.
Ark of the New Covenant, inspire projects and paths of reconciliation.
Queen of Heaven, restore God's peace to the world.
Eliminate hatred and the thirst for revenge, and teach us forgiveness.
Free us from war, protect our world from the menace of nuclear weapons.
Queen of the Rosary, make us realize our need to pray and to love.
Queen of the Human Family, show people the path of fraternity.
Queen of Peace, obtain peace for our world.

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your Sorrowful Heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: "Behold your son" (*Jn 19:26*). In this way he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: "Behold, your Mother" (v. 27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history. At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty.

Therefore, Mother of God and our Mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the Church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine. Accept this act that we carry out with confidence and love. Grant that war may end and peace spread throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace. We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more. To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family, the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and hopes of the world.

Through your intercession, may God's mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the "Fiat", on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our "living fountain of hope", water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. **Amen.**



HOW DID THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGIN?

By Fr. William Saunders PART TWO

At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular. In 1686, Pope Innocent XI, realizing that few people could travel to the Holy Land due to the Moslem oppression, granted the right to erect stations in all of their churches and that the same indulgences would be given to the Franciscans and those affiliated with them for practicing the devotion as if on an actual pilgrimage. Pope Benedict XIII extended these indulgences to all of the faithful in 1726. Five years later, Pope Clement XII permitted stations to be created in all churches and fixed the number at 14. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV exhorted all priests to enrich their churches with the Way of the Cross, which must include 14 crosses and are usually accompanied with pictures or images of each particular station. The popularity of the devotion was also encouraged by preachers like St. Leonard Casanova (1676-1751) of Porto Maurizio, Italy, who reportedly erected over 600 sets of stations throughout Italy.

To date, there are 14 traditional stations: Pilate condemns Christ to death; Jesus carries the cross; the first fall; Jesus meets His Blessed Mother; Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross; Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; the second fall; Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem; the third fall; Jesus is stripped of His garments; Jesus is nailed to the cross; Jesus dies on the cross; Jesus is taken down from the cross; and Jesus is laid in the tomb. Because of the intrinsic relationship between the passion and death of our Lord with His resurrection, several of the devotional booklets now include a 15th station, which commemorates the Resurrection. A plenary indulgence is granted for those who piously exercise the Way of the Cross, actually moving from station to station where they are legitimately erected and while mediating on the passion and death of our Lord ("Enchiridion of Indulgences," No. 63). Those who are impeded from visiting a church may gain the same indulgence by piously reading and meditating on the passion and death of our Lord for one-half hour. The continued importance of the stations in the devotional life of Catholics is attested by both Pope Paul VI, who approved a Gospel-based version of the stations in 1975, and Pope John Paul II, who has also written his own version.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 28th March	John 4: 43-54
Tuesday 29th March	John 5: 1-3,5-16
Wednesday 30th March	John 5: 17-30
Thursday 31st March	John 5: 31-47
Friday 1st April	John 7: 1-2, 10,25-30
Saturday 2nd April - <i>Collect of St Francis of Paola</i>	John 7: 40-52

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21	Psalms 125 R.v3
Philippians 3: 8-14	John 8: 1-11

Pray and Hear the Good News

St Mary's Concert Series 2022
Via Crucis
 A Devotion for Passiontide
 Organ music of Philip Moore

Benedict Mackey - Organist
 Director of Music - St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 3 April, 3pm- St Mary's Cathedral
 Tickets at the door \$20 \$15 \$5

NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
 ROMANS 8:35-39

Risen Lord Community
PRaise & WORSHIP SERVICE

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY
 7:00 pm: Healing Mass and Anointing Service
 8:00 pm: Sharing of the Word followed by worship.

ALL OTHER FRIDAYS
 7:30 pm: Prayer and Praise
 8:00 pm: Sharing of the Word followed by worship.

**Risen Lord Community
 Healing Mass and Anointing Service at 7pm
 Friday 1st April 2022**
 followed by Sharing of the Word and Worship.

From Our Anniversary Book

Giuseppe Mione, Mary Fletcher, Helen Kirkwood, Eric Challenor, James O'Kane, Vincent Shaw, Sr. Josephine Howe, SSJ, Alfonso Cavaretta, Lual Majak, John Willemsen, Matt Wheyman, Reginald Gillam, William Cox, Sadie Freeman, Elia Longo, Giulia Longo, Francis Philbin, Augusto Tamayo, Betty Parkes, Mervyn Dolan, Hylton Jarrett, Merv Conway, David Westbrook, Cain Lorkin



May they rest in peace !

Children's Corner

Lent is a time to focus on the act of forgiveness. We ask God to forgive us for the wrong things that we do. In the story of the prodigal son....

What wrong things did the younger son do? _____

What did he do to show he was sorry? _____

When I do things against my friends, I can show them that I am sorry by...	When I do things against my family, I can show them that I am sorry by...	When I do things against God, I can show him that I am sorry by...
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READINGS OF THE DAY - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:2 - 7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local

inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then

he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Today's Gospel is the parable of the prodigal son – the final of three parables of lost and found – the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost brother. All three show us the amazing joy of our loving Father when that which was lost is found. Most especially when the beloved son comes back to entrust himself to his father's love and mercy despite his grave sin.

The younger son saw his father only as a source of funds. He just wanted to get away from home and family and do what he liked. Amazingly, his father let him go. Then when he was destitute, he realised that his father would help him even if no one else would. so he came back and was forgiven.

The older son also had a big problem with his father. He thought he was just his boss. He too needed to realise he was a beloved son.

(If you are using the **FORMED** parish subscription, look again at Session 1 of "Forgiven" for a powerful presentation of this parable.)

