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St Mary's
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Archdiocese of Hobart

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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 - In Crypt
5.00pm - 5.40pm: Saturday

RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 5th DECEMBER 2021

PARISH NEWS



Parish Christmas BBQ

The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council invites all Parishioners to a Christmas BBQ on Sunday the 12th December, following the 10.30am Mass. Meat and Drinks are provided and you are invited to bring along a Plate or Salad to share.

Come and enjoy the Festive season.

INTERMENT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS OF HOBART.

Following the successful exhumations in September of Archbishops Murphy, Delany, Barry, Hayden and pioneer priest Fr Conolly from beneath the Cathedral's North Transept floor, their interment in the Cathedral's crypt will occur with the celebration of a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at **5:30pm on Tuesday 7th December 2021.**

All are welcome to attend and should register at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interment-of-bishops-of-hobart-and-tasmanias-pioneering-catholic-priest-tickets-217698129967>

Advent Parish Recollection



A 3-day Advent Recollection

"A Journey into the Manger"

will be held in **St Mary's Cathedral** starting from **Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th December, from 6pm onwards.** Focusing on three aspects of the Manger.

On the 17th the recollection will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Make this an opportunity to spiritually prepare yourselves and your families for the Birth of our Lord.

Children's Christmas Nativity Play during the Vigil Mass for Families.

Dear Parents I would like to invite all interested primary aged children (or younger) in our parish to be involved in the Nativity Play. 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 the Parish office on 62344463

Lawrenny Court Christmas Mass and Carol Service

Christmas Mass and Carol Service will be celebrated on **Friday 10th December 2021 - 10:30am** at the AA Lord Village (Lawrenny Court) - 131 Hill Street West Hobart. **Everyone is welcome.**



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Jane McKeown



Important Announcement for EVERYONE attending churches for Mass.

It is **MANDATORY** for every person 16 years of age or older who enters the Sacred Heart Church, the Cathedral and Cathedral Centre for any reason is required **to provide their information for contact tracing using the Free Check in TAS app or by the written visitor's register.** This is a direction from Tasmania Government. Non compliance may result in a fine.



What Is a Jesse Tree?

The Jesse Tree tradition originated in the medieval church in the form of carvings, stained glass windows, or illuminated manuscripts illustrating (literally) Isaiah 11:1: "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." Typically, the objects centred on a tree culminating with the figure of Christ and/or Mary, with branches showing the ancestors of Christ as listed in the gospel of Matthew.

Most people who enjoy the Jesse Tree tradition with their families today focus on God's thread of redemption through the Old Testament, leading up to the birth of Christ. While the medieval church focused only on the people, we look at the events, from Adam to Christ, that show God's hand in saving His people. This is an activity you could do as a family, during prayer by reading the scripture verse and making the symbols to hang on a branch or tree kept inside or outside.

JESSE TREE SCRIPTURES (The symbols are only suggestions)

December 1 Creation: Genesis. 1:1-31; 2:1-4

Symbols: sun, moon, stars, animals, earth

December 2 Adam and Eve: Genesis. 2:7-9, 18-24

Symbols: tree, man, woman

December 3 Fall of Man: Genesis. 3:1-7 and 23-24

Symbols: tree, serpent, apple with bite

December 4 Noah: Genesis. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22

Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow

December 5 Abraham: Genesis. 12:1-3

Symbols: torch, sword, mountain

December 6 Isaac: Genesis. 22:1-14

Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram in bush

December 7 Jacob: Genesis. 25:1-34; 28:10-15

Symbols: kettle, ladder

December 8 Joseph: Genesis. 37:23-28; 45:3-15

Symbols: bucket, well, silver coins, tunic

December 9 Moses: Exodus. 2:1-10

Symbols: baby in basket, river and rushes

December 10 Samuel: 1 Samuel . 3:1-18

Symbols: lamp, temple

December 11 Jesse: 1 Samuel. 16:1-13

Symbols: crimson robe, shepherd's staff

December 12 David: 1 Samuel. 17:12-51

Symbols: slingshot, 6-pointed star

December 13 Solomon: 1 Kings 3:5-14, 16-28

Symbols: scales of justice, temple, two babies and sword

December 14 Joseph: Matthew. 1:18-25

Symbols: hammer, saw, chisel, angle

December 15 Mary: Matthew. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

Symbols: lily, crown of stars, pierced heart

December 16 John the Baptist: Mark 1:1-8

Symbols: shell with water, river

On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons during the Liturgy of the Hours. The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on the "O" Antiphons.

December 17 Jesus is Wisdom: Sirach (or Ecclesiasticus in old Bibles) 24:2; Wisdom 8:1

Symbols: oil lamp, open book

December 18 Jesus is Lord: Exodus. 3:2; 20:1

Symbols: burning bush, stone tablets

December 19 Jesus is Flower of Jesse: Isaiah 11:1-3

Symbols: flower, plant with flower

December 20 Jesus is Key of David: Isaiah 22:22

Symbols: key, broken chains

December 21 Jesus is the Radiant Dawn: Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18)

Symbols: sun rising or high in sky

December 22 Jesus is King of the Gentiles: Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20

Symbols: crown, sceptre

December 23 Jesus is Emmanuel: Isaiah 7:14; 33:22

Symbols: tablets of stone, chalice and host

December 24 Jesus is Light of the World: John 1:1-14

Symbols: candle, flame, sun.



Blessing of the Nativity in the Parish

Pope Francis, in one of his Apostolic Letters '**Admirabile Signum**' (Enchanting Image) on the meaning and importance of the nativity scene. A nativity scene is a simple reminder of something astonishing: God became human to reveal the greatness of his love. In it he wrote "**I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas... that it can be rediscovered and revived again.**"

In order to promote this beautiful tradition of establishing a Christmas Crib in our homes, His Grace Archbishop Porteous during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 19th of December, will bless the Cathedral's Nativity Scene, **I wish to invite all families to bring their own nativity scene (statues) for blessing by the Archbishop on that day.**

Prepare a way for the Lord



From Our Anniversary Book

Edward Nolan, Corrie Jones, Tony Hogan, Robert Corradetti, Catherine Kinsella, Neil Harrington, Frank Laughlin, Victor Westbrook, Elaine and Alan Hurle, Matthew Bryson, Marmaduke Manley, Colleen McKeown, John Andrews, James Nolan, Eileen Lester, Giancarlo Ranalli, Sr Augustine Healy PBVM, Sr Ignatius Thorold PBVM and Sr Anne Fletcher PBVM



May they rest in peace !



WHAT'S NEW?

Looking for Christmas presents.



Christmas Cards, Columban Calendars and 11 piece Nativity Set are now available at the Cathedral Bookshop.

When: Saturday 11th December 2021 at 7pm –9pm
Where: Guildford Young College Oval—Patrick Street
Tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au
 Search "Carols on the Hill 2021"



CatholicCare Christmas Giving 2021
 Help us bring love, hope and compassion for all this Christmas. Gift cards, toys and books, non-perishable food items, toiletries and monetary donations welcome. **Drop your donation into CatholicCare office 35 Tower Road New Town by 15th December 2021. Any enquiries contact 0437955928**



Give Hope to struggling Families this Christmas.
 Your kindness can provide practical support to get them through Christmas and beyond. Bring hope for the future?
Please give in store, call 131812 or visit vinnies.org.au

ST MARY'S CONCERT SERIES 2021
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
 Nine readings alternating with Christmas Carols sung by the Choir of St Mary's Cathedral and directed by Benedict Mackey and Myfanwy McIndoe

7.30pm Saturday 18th December
 St Mary's Cathedral

Tickets \$20 \$15 \$5 (Children under 15 FREE)
 At the door

A Night of Entertainment

St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series 2021

Nine Readings alternating with Christmas Carols

When: Saturday 18th December 2021
Where: St Mary's Cathedral
Tickets: At the Door \$20, \$15 and \$5
 Children under 15 are Free

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Monday 6th December Luke 5: 17-26
- Tuesday 7th December - **St Ambrose**
Matthew 18:12-14
- Wednesday 8th December - **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Luke 1: 26-38
- Thursday 9th December Matthew 11:11-15
- Friday 10th December Matthew 11: 16-19
- Saturday 11th December Matthew 17:10-13

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Zephaniah 3:14-18
- Philippians 4:4-7
- Is 12:2-6 R. v.6
- Luke 3:10-18

Pray and Hear the Good News

Entrusting The Archdiocese of Hobart to St Joseph

A special Mass for the end of the Year of St Joseph will be held on Wednesday the 8th December 2021 at 6pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. The entrustment to St Joseph will take place during this Mass. **All are welcome**



Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

*O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.
 O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.*

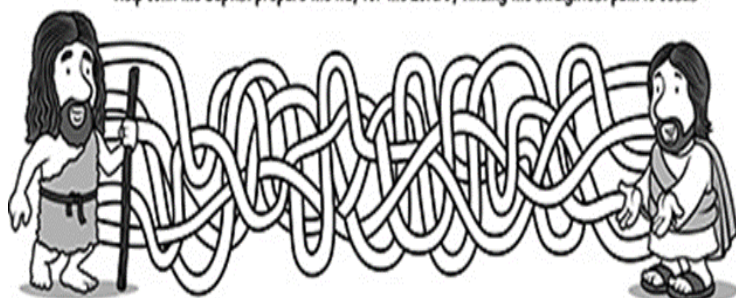
(state your intentions here)

*O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.
 O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Amen.*



Children's Corner

Help John the Baptist prepare the way for the Lord by finding the straightest path to Jesus



READINGS OF THE DAY - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT –YEAR C

First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125.R.v.3

(R.) **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you

can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Juaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

ALL PEOPLE SHALL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

The Good News of our salvation from sin and death has made its journey down through the centuries by recorded history of the scriptures and the writings of many saintly scholars who have broken open the Word of God for our benefit in our time. With joy St. Paul reassures his Philippians friends of his deep love for each of them and how proud of them he is, as in their turn they also have spread the Good News of salvation. "I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Jesus Christ comes." N/B The letter from St Paul is printed on this page of the 'Ave Maria'. I invite you to reflect and pray through this passage during the coming week.

The account of the ministry of St. John the Baptist is steeped in imagery suggesting 'new life' by turning away from sin. This calls for a complete conversion of heart. St. John's baptism was of salvation and not of judgement. Let us pray for each other as we strive to hear the Voice in the wilderness of our lives. 'Make his paths straight' and all people shall see the face of God. **HOW CAN I TRANSFORM MY 'WILDERNESS?'**

Let us sing a new song of trust and confidence in our loving God. **COME, LORD JESUS COME.**

Sr. Monica Shelverton P.B.V.M