



## MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK

### St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

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

### Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday  
12.Noon: Friday  
8.00am: Saturday  
8.30am: Sunday

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

11am - 11.40am: Friday  
St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart  
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

## 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A- ROSE SUNDAY 11H DECEMBER 2022

### **My dear parishioners,**

As we gather this Sunday, **I warmly welcome you back to St Mary's.** It is good to be back home under the Mantle of Mary our Mother. Some copies of the opening liturgy booklets are available if you would like to have a copy, in the cathedral foyer.



A three-day **Advent Recollection at St Mary's Cathedral** will be held from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December, from 5.30pm onwards.

- Evening Prayer
  - Talk
  - Benediction
  - Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 16th December
- All are welcome. **(Come prepare for the Advent of our Lord)**

### **The weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> of December:**

- The annual blessing of the Nativity during the 10.30am Mass.



- The Parish Christmas BBQ, and Fun Raiser (Bake sale, plant sale and other Items) for the Cathedral Maintenance. Please be present to help out or donate for the fundraiser.

**The Australian Bishops Conference** is encouraging Catholics to respond to the call from the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia to provide **financial support to people in the war-torn nation as winter arrives.** All donations raised during the Advent appeal will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more and access resources at [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) (If you are interested in making a donation further details are available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of our bulletin.)

The Christmas and New Year Mass times refer to 2<sup>nd</sup> Page of bulletin. **I would like to ask you to encourage your family members and friends to attend the Christmas Masses, here in the Cathedral or in a nearby Parish.**

The Children from the ages of 6 to 12 who would like to be part of the nativity display during the 6.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve, please submit your names to the Cathedral office by next weekend on 0408 778 152.

In Christ,  
**Fr Leonard,**

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM:

**Administrator:**  
Fr Leonard Caldera

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Fr Paschal Okpon

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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

**From Our Anniversary Book**

John Andrews, James Nolan, Eileen Lester, Giancarlo Ranalli, Margaret Wakefield, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Robin Brimfield, Domenico Mainella, Patrick Nally, Claire Donnelly, Lelia Lowrie, Josef Freeman, Mary Cairns, Don Morgan, Moira Orpwood, Elsie Watt, Theresa Moore, Lidia Giovanni, Veronica Gregory, John Alexander Joseph Stranaghan, Alice and Thomas Smythe, May Westbrook, Mary Parkinson, Maureen Rice, Theresa Dwyer, Panfilo Di Giovanni, Stanislaus Rose, Thomas Lacey, Dorothy Stewart, Sr. Brigid Barry, Irene Cundari, Mary Johnston, Mary McDonald, Joan Dempsey, Rosa Schiro, Kenneth Grubb, Patricia Jones, Sr Joseph Russell PBVM, Sr de Sales Boylson PBVM

**May they rest in peace !**



**REFLECTION - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A**

The third Sunday of Advent. This term *Gaudete* simply means rejoice! The significance of this Sunday to us Catholics and perhaps some other mainline Christian Churches like the Anglicans, Methodists etcetera, is that having engaged ourselves for a couple of weeks now with solemn and penitential preparation for the Lord's coming, the Church encourages us to lighten our mood this Sunday. This is also why symbolically the church lightens the colour of her liturgical vestments for today's celebration from purple to possibly rose. The Church also gives us a pat on the back by way of saying well done for the courage and sincerity you have exhibited so far. She says to us, be joyful because very soon your expectation and efforts shall bear good fruits. As a comforting mother she says to us today: "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" (Rejoice in the Lord always Phil 4, 4). She equally re-echoes to her faithful the traditional Jewish encouragement that we find in the Scriptures in the Old Testament: "Go and enjoy choice food sweet drink...this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (Neh 8, 10).

In the first reading of this Sunday the prophet Isaiah exalts us to be joyful because God himself is coming to save us his people. He says to us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, look your God is coming." Our God being a generous God will come with lots of gifts and goodies. He is the "Real Father Christmas Par Excellence," when it comes to dishing out gifts of wellbeing to his people. Hence, the prophet lets the cat out of the bag for us concerning what the Lord will bring when he comes: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be open, ears of the deaf unsealed...for those the Lord has ransomed shall return." Most important of all these is the joy that will accompany the Lord's coming with which his people who waited patiently and faithfully shall be filled to overflowing: "They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament ended." Therefore, the joy that fills our heart today is only a foretaste of that which we are to experience when Jesus comes. It is only a tip of the iceberg and a sign that the future is bright with lots of prospect for us.

In the second reading James of course, having worked with and tasted the Lord, is cocksure of the fulfilment of the promises of Christ. So he is emphatic in his assurance. Hence he tells us: "Be patient brothers until the Lord's coming.... Do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon!" In the game or exercise of waiting, patience is the key word and the basis of endurance. These two come together to produce the joy which keeps us moving. Today therefore as we relax, let us check the level of our patience for the rest of the journey ahead. We must re-assure ourselves like the athlete that we can do it, we shall get there and that we must get that hand shake with the Lord Jesus who brings with him fullness of joy.

In the gospel of today, Jesus' work elicited great marvel, joy and response. Here, he fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah to the extent that even John the Baptist heard of him from his prison. Therefore, at his coming Jesus will fulfill the expectation of the prophets.

His gifts will include that "he will make the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf hear" amidst other things. This therefore calls for great joy, and so the Church this Sunday gives us the opportunity to have a glimpse of what that joy looks like.







"A star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel" Numbers 24:17



### CAROLS ON THE HILL 2022

*Carols on the Hill* is a free, traditional outdoor carols event designed for families to share the joyful spirit of Christmas. Staged at Guilford Young College oval (Hobart Campus), this cosy venue is perfect for a family picnic. There

will be food vans on-site and activities for children. A single general admission ticket must be reserved for each & every attendee (adults & children). Tickets can be reserved at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/carols-on-the-hill-2022-tickets-461564751597>

## Children's Corner

### Advent Wreath

Each Sunday during the season of Advent, we light a candle on the Advent Wreath. The candle which is lit on the third Sunday of Advent is pink. All the other candles are purple. Color in the Advent Wreath.



### 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.

WHAT'S NEW?

### ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE – ADVICE FOR COLLECTION



#### Option 1: Bank deposit

A diocese, eparchy or parish can transfer funds collected at Masses or special fundraising events using a normal bank deposit to:

**Account Name:** Trustees of UCC in Au

**BSB:** 704-235 | **Account Number:** 00007183

If a receipt is required, please email the following details to [office@catholicukes.org.au](mailto:office@catholicukes.org.au): Name of person seeking a receipt; Name of Church entity (e.g. parish name and suburb); Date the deposit was made; Amount of deposit; and Contact details – postal address or email account.

#### Option 2: Cheque

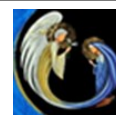
Cheques made out to the Trustees of UCC in Au can be sent to Bishop's Chancery, 35 Canning Street, North Melbourne, VIC 3051. With the collections proposed for the Second and/or Third Sunday in Advent, and mindful of the challenges being faced by the Ukrainian people as winter sets in, it is proposed that funds be sent to the Eparchy by Friday, December 16. A second deadline for the receipt of funds collected is the end of January 2023.

### CHRISTMAS BBQ - SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2022



Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun-filled day with items to purchase from the **Bake, Plant and Bric a Brac Sale**. Please bring a salad or dessert to share at the BBQ. Meat, bread and drinks will be supplied.

### 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.**

## READINGS OF THE DAY - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

### **First Reading**      Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

### **(R.) Lord, come and save us.**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

### **Second Reading**      James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

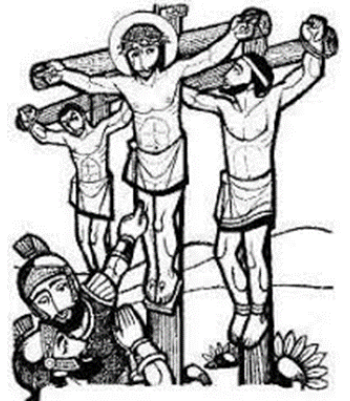
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

#### **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



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

Monday 12th December - ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***  
Matthew 21: 23-27  
Tuesday 13th December - ***St Lucy, virgin, martyr***  
Matthew 21: 28-32  
Wednesday 14th December - ***St John of the Cross, priest, doctor***  
Luke 7: 19-23  
Thursday 15th December - Luke 7: 24-30  
Friday 16th December - John 5: 33-36  
Saturday 17th December - Matthew 1: 1-17

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4th Sunday of Advent Year A**

Isaiah 7: 10-14      Psalm 23: 1-6  
Romans 1: 1-7      Matthew 1: 18-24

**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.**