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NATIVITY OF THE LORD— 25TH DECEMBER 2025

Blessed and Joyful Christmas to Our Parish Family

As the joy-filled season of Christmas arrives once again, our hearts turn with gratitude to God who loved us so deeply that He gave us His Son. In the quiet of Bethlehem, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The birth of Jesus is not simply a story from long ago; it is the living promise that God is with us today—bringing hope to our struggles, light to our darkness, and peace to our hearts.

Christmas invites us to pause and reflect on what truly matters. Amid the busyness, celebrations, and gatherings, we are reminded that the greatest gift is not found under the tree but in the manger. Jesus comes to us humbly, gently, and lovingly, teaching us that true greatness is found in love, service, forgiveness, and compassion. As a parish community, we are called to carry this message beyond Christmas Day and into our daily lives.

To our parishioners: thank you for your faith, commitment, and generosity throughout the year. Your presence at Mass, your service in ministries, and your care for one another truly reflect the living Body of Christ. Through your kindness and dedication, our parish continues to be a place of welcome, prayer, and hope. May this Christmas renew your strength and fill your homes with peace and joy.

To our youth: you are a vital and treasured part of our parish family. The Church needs your energy, your questions, your talents, and your faith. Just as the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem with wonder and courage, we encourage you to keep seeking Christ and to let His love guide your choices and dreams. May this Christmas remind you that God has a special plan for each of you and that you are never alone on your journey.

To our children: Christmas is a time of excitement, wonder, and joy—and you remind us all how beautiful faith can be. Like the Child Jesus, may your hearts be filled with love, kindness, and trust in God. We pray that you always know how deeply you are loved by Jesus and by this parish community.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us also remember those who may be lonely, grieving, or struggling at this time. May we be bearers of Christ's light by offering a smile, a helping hand, or a word of comfort. In doing so, we continue the Christmas story through our own lives.

On behalf of the parish, We wish each of you a holy, joyful, and blessed Christmas. May the peace of the newborn Christ dwell in your hearts, your homes, and our world, today and throughout the coming year.

Merry Christmas and God bless you all.



MASS TIMES for DECEMBER 2025 and JANUARY 2026

For **St Mary's Cathedral Parish** Mass times, please refer to the:

- **2nd page of the AVE**
- **St Mary's Cathedral Website**
- **St Mary's Cathedral Facebook Page**

The Parish Office will be closed until
Tuesday 2nd January

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE DURING THIS TIME PLEASE CONTACT VIA -
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY
Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday





ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH



DECEMBER AND JANUARY MASS TIMES 2025/2026

Friday 26th December 2025

**FEAST OF ST STEPHEN,
1ST MARTYR**

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 27th December 2025

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 28th December 2025

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

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 29th December 2025

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 30th December 2025

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 31st December 2025

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 1st January 2026

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

9.00 am: St Mary's Cathedral

Friday 2nd January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Saturday 3rd January 2026

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 4th January 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 5th January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 6th December 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 7th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 8th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Friday 9th January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Saturday 10th January 2026

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 11th January 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 12th January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 13th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 14th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 15th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Friday 16th January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Saturday 17th January 2026

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 18th January 2026

2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 19th January 2026

NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 20th January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 21st January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 22nd January 2026

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dedication of St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart-1881

9.00 am St. Mary's Cathedral
Followed by morning Tea

Saturday 24th January 2026

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 25th January 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Monday 26th January 2026

AUSTRALIA DAY

9.00 am: St Mary's Cathedral

Followed by BBQ Breakfast

Tuesday 27th January 2026

7.30 St. Mary's Cathedral (Daily Masses begin at the cathedral)

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Wednesday 28th January 2026

Feast of St Thomas Aquinas

7.30 St. Mary's Cathedral

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Thursday 29th January 2026

7.30 St. Mary's Cathedral

9.15am: Sacred Heart Church

Friday 30th January 2026

7.30 St. Mary's Cathedral

Saturday 31st January 2026

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO

Vigil Mass

5pm: St Mary's Cathedral

Sunday 01st February 2026

4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

8.30am: Sacred Heart Church

10.30am: St Mary's Cathedral

6pm: St Mary's Cathedral

THE NEXT EDITION OF AVE-1ST FEB 2026

From Our Anniversary Book: Zelinda and Donato Vacca, Kum Tong-Lee, Brian Barker, Brian Langdale, Audrey Chew, Michael Toohey, Peter Burke, Judith Thiessen, Doris Maple, Angelo Baccarin, Katherleen Rose, Margaret Nicol, Sebastiano Palmese, Molly Wilson, Patrick Ryan, Tadeusz Zacharek, Doris Brickhill, John Sowby, Pietro and Assunta Vacca, Verrillo Family, Mary Tate, Anna Cengia, Greg Steward, Luigi Di Martino, Antonio Di Virgilio, Angiolina Labbrozzi, Carol Dine, Mary Traynor, Father Michael Flynn, Ralph Bocchino, Thelma Ryan, Sr Lillian Mary 'Josephine' Aiken, Joshua Cooper, Stan Case, Michael Zeeman, John McQuillan, Giovannina Langiu, Kenneth McKay, Cheryl Searle, Audrey Gladys Zacharek, Graeme Kirkwood, Helen Westbrook, Charles Cox, Felice Allocca, Mario Di Gasperi, Irene Shirley, Luigi Minnucci, Jane Hanlon, Philip Dwyer, Owen Cook, Charlotte Radford, Anne Byrne, Sr. Mary Dirkin, SSJ, Mary Howe, Francesca Sorgi, Anthony Foo, Anna Di Carlo, Elvie Turner, Sr. Mary Vincent Shelverton, Katherleen Crane, Nina Smith, Marguerite Wood, Amy Kennedy, Ray Alan Grant, Irene Burton, Helen Grinicias, Christopher White, Bernard Fahey, Youla Cosgrove, Betty Boutchard, Bethany Griggs, Peter Nielsen, Luigi Fraraccio, Antonietta and Domenico Matrisciano, William Johnston, Terence Lynch, Catherine McInnes, Teodino Ottavi, Luisa Longo, Kevin Gerard Crowe, Mary Harnett, Phillip Albanus, Br. Norman Lipman, David McHubo, John Johnston, Emily Haley, Robert Langdale, Olinta Pachioli. **May they rest in peace!**