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TWENTY –SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C- **28TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

Approximately 700 plus years before the coming of Jesus the prophet Amos who we meet in our first reading from the Old Testament today was Preaching in the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Amos fiercely castigated corruption and social injustice among Israel's pagan neighbours, Israel itself, and Judah; he asserted God's absolute sovereignty over man; and he predicted the imminent destruction of Israel and Judah.

Amos believed that God's absolute sovereignty over man compelled social justice for all men, rich and poor alike.

We move forward those 700 plus years to the time of today's gospel when we find Jesus using his favourite form of teaching, that is a parable which is a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

Where as Amos was full of brim and brimstone preaching, not wasting words on but coming straight to the point Jesus was more apt to make us want to think on a more personal level. Amos would reprimand all while Jesus would ask us to think about our own lives.

Of course, the end result is still the same and we can find that in Paul's letter to Timothy, our second reading today, where Paul says "you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of faith and win for yourself eternal life".

Jesus parable today introduces us to the very poor Lazarus and the very Rich man that owns the gates that Lazarus lays at. The parable tells us of Lazarus hungering for the scraps that are fed to the dogs from the rich man's table. They both then die and to the rich man's horror he ends up in constant torment in hell while Lazarus is taken into the bosom of Abraham on his way to eternal life in Heaven.

The parable tells us of the large gulf between the rich man and Lazarus and the inability of anyone to cross over it. The irony is that if the rich man had crossed that much smaller gulf that existed between him and Lazarus during their mortal lives on earth then they would both have had the opportunity to rest in the bosom of Abraham after their deaths.

What did the Rich man have to do, he simply had to invite Lazarus to the feast. For it is not whether we are rich or poor it is what we do with what we have that counts. As Amos said that as people of God our aim should be social justice for all, rich and poor alike.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
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

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

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA is held every second Monday. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

PIETY SHOP Thursday, 10 am – 3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



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."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A heartfelt thank you to all who have generously volunteered their time and talents to support and enrich our Parish community. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. There are always many ways to get involved if you're willing! We are currently in need of **readers for all our Masses**. If you've ever considered it, please know it's not as hard as you might think, and your help would be most welcome.

You can also leave your **name and contact number** at the Parish Office, or get in touch with **Deacon Mick** directly—either in person or by text on **0403 741 913**.

"We would love to hear from YOU !!"

THIS WEEK

Sat & Sun September 27 & 28 Education of Future Priest Appeal

Fri October 3rd Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

October 3rd Healing Mass 7:00 pm, Level Two Cathedral

October 4th Women's Retreat, Our Lady of Victories Shrine Lutana

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The September edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived.

Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/Church to take home and share with family and friends.

Here are the highlights from this edition:



- Sr Patricia Kingsley: 100 years young
- Holy habits on the Apple Isle: Dominican Sisters to visit Tasmania
- Golden Jubilee celebration marking 50 years of priestly ministry
- Vinnie's new Glenorchy precinct blessed
- Becoming messengers of hope to those living on the margins (Larmenier Catholic School)
- Hope shines bright on pilgrims' journey (Burnie-Wynyard Parish)
- Henry's testimony of faith (Campbell Town Parish)
- Kathy Tarte appointed new Director of Professional Standards Office
- Students learn about cold reality of homelessness (Larmenier)
- Heart-warming response to college blanket drive

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.

Cathedral Parish Vinnies Tin Drive

During the month of September our Parish will be running a Tin Food Donation Drive on behalf of Vinnies. We are asking you to bring tins of food and leave them in the baskets at the back of our churches.

All items must be within their 'use by date' and be in tins.

There are more and more people within our city being affected by the cost of living crisis but most of us cannot afford to give large donations.

Our tin drive then becomes a way that we can all help each other simply by sharing in a small way but culminating into a large affect.



Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at

palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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From Our Anniversary Book: D'Arcy Kerr, Thomas Corby, Frederick Aiken, Maria Caccavo, Delia Crane, Emilia Minnucci, Donald Smith, Charles Dowd, Zofia Smietanski, Iris Bleasby, Graeme Kendall, Agatha (Athie) Willemsen, Gilbert Smith, Doris Ryan, Isabel Walker, David Maxfield, Ida Saracino, Maria Scavone, Mervyn Williams, Edith Garnsey, Nicola Gentile, Archbishop William Hayden, Sr. Veronica Higgins, Carmine Napoletano, Thomas McMahon, Louisa Sweeney, Douglas Hays, Stanley Hutt, Rocco Scavone, Elizabeth Tari, Joyce Lawrence, Thalia Baker, Johan Frai, Donien Picotand Sr Betty Bowes (PBVM).

May they rest in peace!





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DISCERNING GOD'S WILL

Prayer, dinner, a talk and Q&A with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Saturday 4 October | 6-8pm
Level 1, Cathedral Centre, 180 Harrington St, Hobart

RSVP: youth@aohtas.org.au | \$20 to cover meal

OPEN TO WOMEN AGED 18-35

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

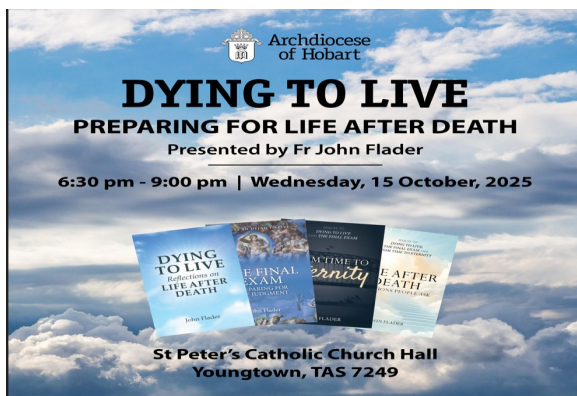
Henri Nouwen Book Reading and Discussion Group – September 30th – 10-11.30 am (reading provided) \$5 per session

Dr Drasko Dizdar – Lectio Divina – October 4th and November 1st – 10-12.30pm – Morning Tea provided - \$20 per person

Fr. Chris Hope – The Parables of Luke – Monday October 6th, Monday October 13th, Monday October 20th and Monday October 27th. 10- 12.30 pm – Morning Tea provided \$20 per person

Beni Abbes Reflective prayer – second Tuesday of each month – 5-5.40 pm – Gold coin donation (October 14th, November 11th and December 9th)

Contact: admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au to book or ring (03) 62281628



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DYING TO LIVE

PREPARING FOR LIFE AFTER DEATH

Presented by Fr John Flader

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm | Wednesday, 15 October, 2025

St Peter's Catholic Church Hall
Youngtown, TAS 7249

Spiritual formation opportunities

FEAST OF ST THERESE – The feast of St Therese will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Wednesday 1st October at 9:30am. Archbishop Tony will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Nuns for this celebration.

SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS - A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on Wednesday 15th October at 9:30am. Fr Matthew Boland OP will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome.



JESUS REPLIED, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER BE HUNGRY AGAIN. WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY." JOHN 6:35

HEALING Service

3 OCTOBER 2025

7:00 PM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE, LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM), 180 HARRINGTON STREET, HOBART

ROSARY AT 6.40 PM **MASS AT 7.00 PM**

St Mary's Cathedral Parish in collaboration with THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



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Mary of the Rosary

Dinner & Talk with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Sunday 5 October 2025 | 7 - 8:30pm
Holy Spirit Church
275 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading

Amos 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of
Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

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. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly
and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and
gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for
yourself the eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in
front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of
all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a
witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with
no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel

2 Corinthians 8:9

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used
to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every
day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus,
covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps
that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and
licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried
away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also
died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a
long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out,
"Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of
his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in
these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that
during your life good things come your way, just as bad
things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted
here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he
wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any
crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus
to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them
warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment
too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham
"let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the
rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they
will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not
listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be
convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th September	-	John 1:47-51
Tuesday 30th September	-	Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday 1st October	-	Luke 9:57-62
Thursday 2nd October	-	Matthew 18:1-5. 10
Friday 3rd October	-	Luke 10:13-16
Saturday 4th October	-	Luke 10:17-24

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

First Reading	-	Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8
Second Reading	-	2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel	-	Luke 17:5-10

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.