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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C-27TH JULY **2025**

Praying Boldly and Continuously with Confidence

The examples of Abraham in our first reading from the book of Genesis and the persistent friend we find in our Gospel according to Luke are not mere anecdotes; they are profound invitations to transform our prayer lives. Abraham, in his audacious negotiation, models a prayer that is not afraid to ask much of God, rooted in a deep understanding of God's justice and mercy. He doesn't give up, even as the number of righteous people dwindles, demonstrating a relentless hope and trust. Similarly, the persistent friend, by his sheer audacity in knocking at an inconvenient hour, reminds us that our needs, even if seemingly small or inconvenient, are worthy of God's attention. His persistence is ultimately rewarded, not out of the neighbour's generosity, but out of his sheer "shamelessness" or "persistence."

These narratives converge to teach us a vital truth: our prayer should be characterized by both boldness and continuity. We are called to approach our Heavenly Father not with timidity, but with the confidence of beloved children who know their parent loves them and desires good for them. This confidence is not born of our own merit, but from the profound reality of God's love and mercy, so powerfully revealed in Christ's sacrifice, which "cancelled the bond" against us.

Therefore, let us pray without ceasing, bringing all our needs, our intercessions for others, and our deepest desires before God. Let us be bold in our petitions, knowing that our Father, who gave us His only Son and the Holy Spirit, will surely give us what is good. Our persistence in prayer is not about changing God's mind, but about changing our own hearts, drawing us closer to Him, and aligning our will with His. It is an act of profound trust in His unwavering love and boundless mercy, which always seeks our good and the good of all creation.

As we reflect on our readings, let us renew our commitment to prayer, trusting in the boundless love, mercy, and generosity of our heavenly Father. Let our prayers be persistent, confident, and always open to receiving the good gifts He desires to bestow, especially the gift of His Holy Spirit.



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

***ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)
Please contact the Parish office***

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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



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."

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Chatter That Matters

Father John-Joseph recently gave an inspiring and engaging talk on Mission, keeping everyone in the room interested and involved throughout the evening. If you haven't had the chance to attend one of these enriching sessions yet, don't worry, there are still three more to come this year! Thank you for your attendance.

Come along, be inspired, and bring a friend!



THIS WEEK

Mon July 28 St Mary's Cathedral Parish RCIA 6:30 pm, 1st Floor Parish Centre.

Thu July 31 Piety Shop 10am-2pm, Cathedral Foyer.

Fri August 1 Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt .

Sat July 26 & Sun 27 July The piety shop is open after every weekend Mass .

COMING UP

August 9 Evangelium Conference 10am –4pm, St Aloysius Senior Campus Huntingfield.

August 9 –18 The Man of the Shroud 4pm-6:30pm, Guildford Young College, Hobart College Chapel.

August 10 Thanksgiving Mass & Morning Tea Invitation for the Archbishop after 10:30 am Mass. Parish Centre, please bring something to share.

August 11 Evening Prayer Service 5:30pm, Cathedral.

August 12 Installation of the Twelfth Bishop of Hobart / Eleventh Archbishop of Hobart 11 am St Mary's Cathedral Followed by a reception at 1.00pm at the Best Western Hotel.

August 19 Chatter that Matters 7 pm, 1st Floor Parish Centre. We invite you to hear "Fr Graeme Howard" talk starting at 7pm and finishing by 8:30pm. Drinks and bites to eat available.

August 21 The Man of the Shroud 4pm-6:30pm, St Aloysius Middle Campus, Huntingfield College Chapel.

Golden Jubilee

All are invited to join Fr Mike Delaney as he celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with Masses on :August 20, 2025 - Wednesday ,Mass will be celebrated at 7pm, Christ the Priest Church, Kingston followed by supper-August 22, 2025 - Friday A concelebrated Mass for Fr Mike Delaney and Fr John Murphy SDB at 11am, Christ the Priest, Kingston.

From Our Anniversary Book: Gina Colla, Stella Stafford, John & Mary Hanrahan, Mary Sheehan, Catherine Carroll, Bruno Giudici, Gina Vivarelli, John Davis, Michael Carroll, Ila Cox, Gertrude Cosgrove, Francis Shelverton, Christina McGuire, Trevor Williams, Maria Fantini, Kiaus Assman, Cyril Shirley, Giovanni Di Monda, Vincenzo and Sebastiano Allocca, Martin McShane Ernest White, Sheila Stephens, Richard Darcey, Ellen Nolan, William Hogan, Donato Palermo, David Donaghy, Mary Langdale, George Wilson, Harry Thompson, Yvonne Brierley, Lucy Jarvis (SSJ), Barbara Morgan, Margaret Amy Carty, John Fahey, Mary Jeffrey, Mary Lily Power, James Sexton, Sante Cerone, Molly Shelverton, Rodney Howell John Green, Catherine McErvale, Rigney Dance, Raymond Ryan, Lidia Degasperri and Sr Elizabeth Finn(PBVM)
May they rest in peace!

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.

Fr Bernard Anniversary of Ordination

The 28th July will mark the 35th anniversary of Fr Bernard's ordination, we congratulate him, and continue to pray, thanking God and asking him to continue to bless his priesthood abundantly.



Parish Pilgrimage

On Saturday, July 19th, parishioners from St. Mary's Cathedral Parish embarked on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Ross. Despite the increasing cold and stormy winds, the group's departure from the Cathedral car park highlighted their devotion and the significance of their spiritual journey. For Christian's and especially during this jubilee year with its theme of pilgrims of hope, a pilgrimage is more than just a trip; it's a profound act of faith, offering a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal and deeper connection with the Divine. This journey to Ross allowed parishioners to not only strengthen their bonds with one another but also to engage in contemplation and shared prayer, culminating in the celebration of Mass together. ***A big thankyou goes out to all who helped make the day possible and those who participated.***

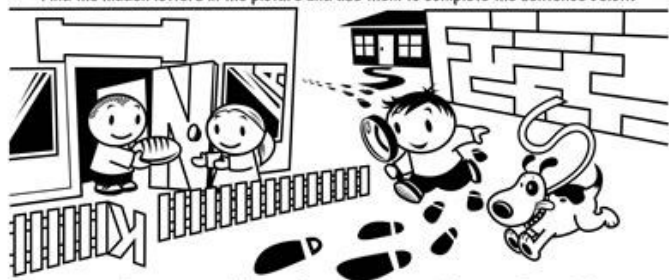


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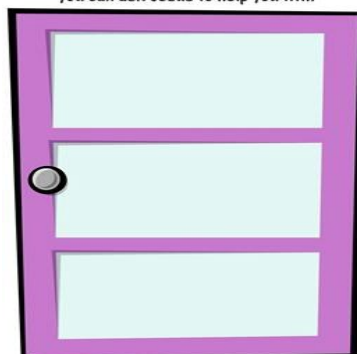
Children's Corner:

Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who _____ will receive, everyone who searches will _____.

On the door, write down three things
you can ask Jesus to help you with



Installation of Twelfth Bishop of Hobart /

Eleventh Archbishop of Hobart

The Most Reverend Julian Porteous DD
Apostolic Administrator
Archdiocese of Hobart

Is delighted to invite you to the
Installation of

The Most Reverend Anthony John Ireland DD BTheol STL
MA STD as Twelfth Bishop of Hobart /Eleventh Archbishop
of Hobart



To be held at St Mary's Cathedral
180 Harrington St, Hobart at 11.00am on Tuesday 12 August
2025- Followed by a reception at 1.00pm at the Best Western
Hotel, 156 Bathurst St, Hobart.
Please register your attendance by
email: archbishopinstallation@aohtas.org.au

Mass honouring the Fatherhood of God

Mass honouring the Fatherhood of God with special intention to
ask God's blessing on families. Photos of family members
(especially those in need of healing) may be placed on the sanc-
tuary where they will be blessed at the end of Mass. Sunday 3rd
August, Shrine of Our Lady of Victories, 12 Ashbolt Cres,
Lutana 2pm Holy Hour, Exposition, Prayers of Consecration and
Benediction 3pm Mass -celebrant Fr Bernard Perera.
Enquiries Zofia 0438 366 447.

The Man of The Shroud

Shroud of Turin, copies of first century artefacts and the latest scien-
tific evidence on this world-renowned linen cloth. Could this be the
burial cloth of Jesus Christ and the evidence of the Resurrection? Free
entry.

21 – 26 July	Church of the Apostles, Laun- ceston	Nuns Chapel	2pm – 6.30pm
28 – 29 July	Marist Regional College, Burnie	Marian Centre	4pm – 6.30pm
31 July – 2 August	St Brendan Shaw College, Devon- port	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm
5 – 6 Au- gust	St Patrick's Col- lege, Prospect	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm
9 – 18 Au- gust	Guildford Young College, Hobart	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm
21 August	St Aloysius Mid- dle Campus, Huntingfield	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm

The Catholic Standard

The July edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived. Please collect
your own copy at the back of the Cathedral/Church to take home and
share with family and friends.

Here are the highlights from this edition:

- Tasmania's new Shepherd: 'I come to lead in faith, and serve with love'
- Processions around Tasmania for Corpus Christi
- 60 years of priesthood a precious gift and tremendous privilege (Fr Denis Allen)
- Fr Kevin Dance reflects on 60 years of helping people 'carry the load of life'
- Shine a light on Homelessness in Tasmania
- Pilgrimage 'a time of grace, forgiveness and spiritual renewal' (West Tamar Parish)



AGM Human Life Protection Society



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HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC.

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AUG 4TH 2025
11.00 AM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

READINGS OF THE DAY SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR—C

First Reading

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3](#)

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

[Colossians 2:12-14](#)

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been

circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

[Romans 8:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 28th July	-	Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday 29th July	-	John 11:19-27
Wednesday 30th July	-	Matthew 13:44-46
Thursday 31st July	-	Matthew 13:47-53
Friday 1st August	-	Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday 2nd August	-	Matthew 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

[Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C](#)

First Reading	-	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1
Second Reading	-	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel	-	Luke 12:13-21

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.