

20th September

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

Have we been listening to our Gospels lately, have we heard Jesus telling us what the Kingdom of God is like. We have seen Kingdoms come and go throughout Human history. Some are called empires, nations, and others revolutionary. In the end they are all the same, those in power having sway over those without power, starting out with all good intentions but then power steps into the arena and everything changes.

What about a kingdom where everyone is treated with equality and the premise the kingdom is built on is "Love." A kingdom where the King is God, a king that does not really need you but instead wants you to be in His Kingdom because he loves us.

Today we hear those magical words "thus the last will be first, and the first, last," What does it mean and why is it important to us. We hear of a king that pays the same wage to all his workers no matter where they come in the line. We all have a tendency to look at other people and say they are either above us or are below us - our human society is based on "climbing the proverbial ladder," we need to rise up the ladder to be successful.

Then Jesus tells us we are all of equal standing no matter where we see ourselves, that because God loves us completely, He looks upon us with eternal eyes who not only created us but has always known us and always provided for us.

In Jesus parable he tells us of a kingdom where money is the currency, this is a kingdom we can all understand because we live in such a place. But then this King pays all his workers the same wage, no matter when they arrived and started work.

Now imagine the Kingdom of God where the currency is love. Imagine a place where no matter when we arrived, a long time ago or just recently, the love of God is equal for all.

So where does that leave us today, do we see others as equal and worthy of the same wage, no matter the currency, as ourselves. Are we capable of genuinely believing in such a kingdom and if so, are we already working towards becoming a part of the Kingdom of God no matter whether we arrive first or last.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday - Thursday
9.45am: Wednesday—Novena
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

7.30am: Saturday—Rosary

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on floor 1
starting at 12:30 pm

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



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

HOBERT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

IMPRESSIONS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

BENJAMIN BRITTEN Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings
CAMERON PATRICK Impressions of Erin
GERALD FINZI Romance

Conductor GARY WAIN
Tenor MICHAEL PETRUCCELLI
French Horn GREG STEPHENS

TICKETS 30 | 25 | 15 | 5



2:30pm Sunday
September 27
St Mary's Cathedral

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/DOYKN](https://www.trybooking.com/doykn)

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program 2026/2027 Information Night

The Cathedral Parish invites parents and carers to begin their children's sacramental journey for the 2026/2027 program.

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion are important milestones in nurturing your child's faith and building upon their Baptism.

Families interested in preparing their children to receive these sacraments are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Information Night:

Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

This session will provide details about the preparation program, key dates, and the support available to families throughout this sacred journey.

For further information or enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office. We look forward to journeying in faith with your family.

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.

Sacristans

The **Sacristan** is one of the Church's most unsung ministries. Much of their important work happens behind the scenes, preparing for Mass and caring for the sacred space afterwards. Their quiet service helps our liturgies run smoothly and supports our worshipping community. **Interested in learning more? We'd love to hear from you.** Please contact **Deacon Mick or the Parish Office.**

Welcomer

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."

Luke 1:41

God gives each of us unique gifts and charisms to share and to build His Kingdom. A warm welcome can create a lasting first impression when someone enters our church.

As Christ has welcomed us with unconditional love, we are called to extend that same love to others.

Would you like to know more about becoming a Welcomer?

We would love to hear from you. Please contact **Deacon Mick or the Parish Office.**

From Our Anniversary Book

Ida Saracino, Albert Harwood, Leonard Sattler, Francis Hickey, Evie Doggart, Elaine Brocklehurst, Harry Burton (Snr), Eileen Mazengarb, Jessie Martin, Colin Rollins, Lorraine Walter, Bruno Candon, Carmine Napolitano, Mirella Ghedini, Angelo Toigo, Ellen McAuliffe, Fedora Golembioski, Doris Beck, Leba Mikshakowa, Alfred Scanlon, James Saunders, Felice Colavecchio, Jessie Fahey, Monica Fox, Helmut Berger, Christine Mary Graham, Gino Codignotto, Walter Clark, Nora Grace Clark, Constance Pauly, Archbishop Ernest Tweedy ***May they rest in peace !***



Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral—Please note that the **Sunday 10:30am Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral is livestreamed on the **Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube channel**. Most special events and ceremonies celebrated at the Cathedral are also livestreamed. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the livestream, please contact the Parish Office on **(03) 6208 6094** for more information.



Synod Regional Listening Sessions

A time of **prayer, listening, and discernment** as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our future.

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?



REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS 10AM - 4PM

31 October, Devonport

7 November, Launceston

21 November, Hobart

14 - 16 May 2027
Diocesan Synod Gathering

SYNOD theme

'May they be one, as we are one.' (John 17)

WHY A SYNOD?

Listen to the hopes and concerns of our people



Strengthen unity across our diverse communities

Set priorities for faith, formation, and mission



Every voice is valid, clergy, religious, and lay faithful.
No expertise needed, just an open heart.



To register, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://collections.humanitix.com/regional-listening-sessions-synod-2027>
Registrations close 11 October.
For more information contact synod@aohtas.org.au

Reminder: Monthly Discernment Evening Thursday 24th September

Are you asking big questions about a potential vocation to the priesthood?

Our next monthly gathering takes place on **Thursday, 24th September** at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sandy Bay.

We begin at 6:00 PM with prayer, followed by a shared meal and a short talk on priestly life and formation.

All men aged 18 and over are warmly welcome.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by **Tuesday, 22nd September** to Fr Steven Smith at vocations@aohtas.org.au or 0493 122 283.

ST CARLO ACUTIS MAJOR PILGRIM RELIC TASMANIAN VISIT

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October 2026

Church of the Apostles, Launceston

As part of a nationwide mission in Australia, a Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis will visit Tasmania on 3 and 4 October. On both days there will be Veneration of the Relic, the opportunity to view St Carlo's 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' exhibition, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, and a talk about St Carlo. There will be a screening of the film 'St Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality' at the Emmanuel Centre where accommodation is also available. **Enquiries: 0458 003 642 Info: stcarloaustralia.com**

FULL PROGRAM:

3 & 4 October

Church of the Apostles, 44 Margaret St, Launceston

10.30am: Mass (Confessions from 9.30am on Saturday)

11.30am: Talk on St Carlo & his Relic, Veneration of Relic & Blessings

12.30pm: Break (Light refreshments provided)

1.15pm: Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary

2.30pm: Benediction

Saturday 3 October - Movie Night

The Emmanuel Centre, 123 Abbott St, Newstead.



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 Thursday 1st October at 9:30am. Fr Matthew Boland OP will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Mass will be followed by morning tea.

There will also be Evening Prayer (Vespers) and a Eucharistic Holy Hour with Benediction at the monastery in the evening of the feast: Vespers 4.30pm, Silent Prayer 5pm, Benediction 5.45pm. All are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns for these celebrations.

Release, Restore, Reclaim - A Weekend Retreat on Letting Go, Healing and Finding Your Way through God

We warmly invite you to Release, Restore, Reclaim, a two-day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Josephite Mission, Hobart. Facilitated by Anne Slingo, who brings almost forty years' experience in Catholic education, formation and spiritual direction, the retreat offers a gentle, structured 12-step journey to name what you've been carrying, rediscover God as healer, and reclaim a life shaped by that healing rather than by your past. Ideal for anyone ready to stop carrying life's weight alone.

Friday 9 October, 7:00 pm - Sunday 11 October, 11:00 am

\$330 incl. GST. All meals provided.

Learn more and book: www.mmsm.org.au/retreats/

Ruah Worship Night

Fri 25 Sep at Mary MacKillop Josephite Centre, New Town (next door, to Sacred Heart Church)

The program includes prayer, worship, sharing of testimony and prayer ministry. We begin with Pizza at 6.30pm.

Come and be blessed!

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on
him to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life
or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but
then death would bring me something more; but
then again, if living in this body means doing work
which is having good results – I do not know what I
should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to
be gone and be with Christ, which would be very
much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body
is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation—Acts of the Apostles 16:14

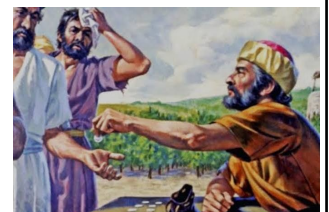
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is
like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire
workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with
the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he
saw others standing idle in the market place and said
to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give
you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth
hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out
and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour
he went out and found more men standing round,
and he said to them, "Why have you been standing
here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard
too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to
his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their
wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with
the first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received one
denarius each. When the first came, they expected to
get more, but they too received one denarius each.
They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The
men who came last" they said "have done only one
hour, and you have treated them the same as us,
though we have done a heavy day's work in all the
heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend,
I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay
the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right
to do what I like with my own? Why be envious
because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first,
and the first, last.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 21st September	- Matthew 9:9-13
	(Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist)
Tuesday 22nd September	- Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday 23rd September	- Luke 9:1-6
Thursday 24th September	- Luke 9:7-9
Friday 25th September	- Luke 9:18-22
Saturday 26th September	- Luke 9:43-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 27th September 2026

First Reading	- Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading	- Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel	- Matthew 21:28-32

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.