



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
12.15pm: Friday
6.00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart)

10.30am: Friday

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Cathedral Hobart

11.00am: Friday
6pm - 12am: Friday (CRYPT)
5pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

RECONCILIATION

11am - 12 Noon: Friday
5.00pm - 5.30pm: Saturday

8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C- 27TH FEBRUARY 2022

COVID MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Earlier this week the Parish was contacted by Tasmania Police with regard reported non-compliance with the Public Health Directive relating to Mask Wearing. Notwithstanding the personal views of any of us, the Parish must comply with all Public Health Directives if not only to remain open for public worship and the Sacraments, but also out of a Christian responsibility to do all in our power to protect the health of those in our community who are especially vulnerable in the current COVID environment.

Accordingly, please note **again** that the following are conditions of entry for **ALL** attending any of our indoor public spaces in the St Mary's Cathedral Parish:

- It is a requirement in Tasmania for people aged 12 years and older (unless exempt) to wear a mask in all the parish's indoor spaces as an additional layer of protection against COVID-19. The Cathedral Parish is obliged by law to require all who enter the parish's public indoor spaces to comply with this requirement. Please note also that the State imposes a fine of \$778.50 for non-compliance in this regard.
- Only those who can evidence a valid exemption (from a medical practitioner) of a health condition or disability that makes wearing a fitted mask unsuitable are exempt from the requirement. Note too, reasons for not wearing a mask are not always obvious, so please be respectful of others.
- As the Public Health Directive applies to ALL public spaces and not just those of the St Mary's Cathedral Parish, you are responsible for providing your own mask.
- Following liturgical services, any greeting and socialising will best take place in the parish's outdoor public spaces.

Please note there are some mask wearing **exceptions**:

- Parish musicians and choir members can remove their masks during rehearsal and when performing.
- Those Catholics presenting for the Sacrament of Holy Communion may lower/remove your mask immediately before receiving Holy Communion, but you must replace your mask immediately you have received. In this regard also, while it is recommended that the Body of Christ only be administered in the hand during COVID, those wishing to exercise the right to receive on the tongue are asked to present last for Communion to mitigate any potential risk.
- Masks can also be removed briefly during photography.

The Parish is committed to providing a COVID Safe environment for our clergy, staff, volunteers, parishioners and visitors. Your compliance with all Public Health Directives and practicing COVID-safe behaviours is an important part of our taking care of each other for the foreseeable future.

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**St Mary's
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Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Why Ashes? How did this practise develop?

The Church has long used ashes as an outward sign of grief, a mark of humility, mourning, penance and morality. The Old Testament is filled with stories describing the use of ashes in such a manner. In the Book of Job, Job repented before God: "Therefore, I disown what I have said, and repent in dust and ashes" (42:6). Daniel "turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Dn 9:3). Jonah preached conversion and repentance to the people of Nineveh: "When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes" (Jon 3:6). And the Maccabees army prepared for battle: "That day they fasted and wore sackcloth; they sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their garments" (1 Mc 3:47).

Ashes were imposed on the early catechumens when they began their preparation time for baptism. Confessed sinners of that era were also marked with ashes as part of the public penitential process. Other baptized Christians began asking to receive ashes in a manner similar to catechumens and penitents. Christian men had ashes sprinkled on their heads while ashes were used to trace the cross on the forehead of women. Thus the use of ashes as the sign of penance, in readiness for Easter, was becoming a Church wide practice. During the papacy of St. Gregory the Great, the practice was further expanded and is mentioned in the sixth-century Gregorian Sacramentary. Around the year 1000, Abbot Aelfric of the monastery of

Eynsham, England, wrote: "We read in the books both in the Old Law and in the new that men who repented of their sins bestowed on themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Now let us do this little at the beginning of our Lent, that we strew ashes upon our heads, to signify that we ought to repent of our sins during the Lenten feast" ("Aelfric's Lives of Saints," 1881, p. 263). This same rite of distributing ashes on the Wednesday that begins Lent was recommended for universal use by Pope Urban II at the Synod of Benevento in 1091.

So when we go to that early Mass on Ash Wednesday morning and receive the blessed ashes on our forehead, we are repeating a somber, pious act that Catholics have been undergoing for over 1,500 years. As "The Liturgical Year, Septuagesima," by Abbot Gueranger, O.S.B., written in the middle decades of the 1800s, puts it: "We are entering, today, upon a long campaign of the warfare spoke of by the apostles: forty days of battle, forty days of penance. We shall not turn cowards, if our souls can but be impressed with the conviction that the battle and the penance must be gone through. Let us listen to the eloquence of the solemn rite which opens our Lent. Let us go whither our mother leads us, that is, to the scene of the fall."

Like all those before us, we unhesitatingly embrace this invitation to sanctity, this time to turn away from sin. We are part of that great cloud of witnesses who through all the ages have donned the ashes, publicly acknowledging that we are Christians, Christians who have sinned and seek to repent. We acknowledge that "we are dust and to dust we shall return."

D.D. Emmons

PARISH NEWS FOR LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

2nd March 2022

7.30am - St Mary's Cathedral

6pm - St Mary's Cathedral

9am - Sacred Heart Church

Stations of the Cross with Reflections

Every Friday during Lent at 6pm

4th March 2022 - St Mary's Cathedral

11th March 2022 - Sacred Heart Church

18th March 2022 - St Mary's Cathedral

25th March 2022 - Sacred Heart Church

1st April 2022 - St Mary's Cathedral

8th April 2022 - Sacred Heart Church

Project Compassion:

Project Compassion launches this weekend.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said,

"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

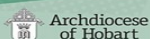
Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can **donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes** available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling **1800 024 413**.



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

St Patrick's Pilgrimage

19TH - 20TH MARCH 2022



When: Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March
Where: St John's Catholic Church Richmond to St Patrick's Catholic Church Colebrook.
Who: 16 to 35 age group
 The pilgrimage is a 41 km two day pilgrimage with pilgrims camping overnight approximately halfway on private property in a beautiful remote location. It is a joyful and purposeful pilgrimage that has for a number of years now provided pilgrims with great encouragement in their faith walk.
To Register visit eventbrite.com.au and enter St Patrick's Pilgrimage 2022 or contact youth@aohatas.org.au

MEN'S BREAKFAST.

When: Saturday 12th March 2022
Where: St Francis Xavier Hall (under the South Hobart church).
Time: 8:00 am
 From nearly losing his life 11 times on an overseas mission trip, to facilitating youth groups in Launceston, **Sam Clear** will be exploring the lessons from listening to (and not listening to) the Holy Spirit, speaking on

"Deeper into Our Missionary Call". Come and enjoy some inspiration, fellowship, and breakfast. Bring a friend. To RSVP or for further information, contact Martin on 6223 8132.

WHAT'S NEW?

St Helen's Catholic Church

Celebrates 100 years

When: Saturday 5th March
Where: St Helen's Catholic Church- Cecilia Street
Time: 1.30pm for photos and displays. 3pm Mass celebrated by Archbishop Julian Porteous



SYNOD OF BISHOPS - EXTENSION:

The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. **Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13.** Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? You will have noted that the portal limits submissions to 250 words or less. **Larger submissions via letters and emails can be forwarded directly to the diocesan contact up until COB 25 March 2022.** Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 28th February	Mark 10: 17-27
Tuesday 1st March	Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday 2nd March - Ash Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 3rd March	Luke 9: 22-25
Friday 4th March - St Casmir and Ember Day	Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday 26th February	Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy: 26:4-10	Psalms 90:1-2. 10-15. R. 15
Romans: 10:8-13	Luke: 4:1-13

Pray and Hear the Good News

*Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body, and soul. I am lost, but I come to you with grace.
 You gave us life, and you also give us the gift of infinite joy.
 Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me.*

Ember Day: The Australian Catholic Bishop Conference decided to observe the 1st Fridays in March as special days of prayer and penance. Penitential practices recommended are, prayer, self denial and helping others (CCL 1249-1253)

From Our Anniversary Book

Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re, Sabatino Monaco, Gesiotto, Toigo and Siravo Families, Angelina Di Domenico, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Emilio Marchesich, Zelinda and Donato Vacca, John Anderson, Henry Smith, Brother E.D. Joyce, Ada Maple, Patrick Murnane, Raffaele Palermo, Alma Pullen, Evelyn Blissenden, Terrence Keogh, Guiseppe Paternoster, Caterina, Giuseppe and Nicola Gentile, Paolo Scavone, Roy Foulkes, Rex Rushton, Benjamin Rootes, Edward Terry, Rosita De Montes, Laszlo Hegedus, John Cairns and Antonin Divis



May they rest in peace !

Children's Corner



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
 ___ in your
 ___, eye,
 but do not ___ the
 ___ in your own ___?

**FRIEND'S SPECK LOG
 EYE NOTICE WHY**

READINGS OF THE DAY - 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91:2-3,13-16 R. v.2

(R.) **Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?

Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.

For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

FORGIVE - SPIRIT, MIND, HEART.

None of us were born saints. All of us were born imperfect human beings with the exception that of the blessed virgin Mother of God, Mary. It was through the sacrament of Baptism that we were purified and given the gifts of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE - the presence of the Holy Spirit. We were indelibly marked for the right of being united with the angels, saints and our loving Creator God in the Heavenly Kingdom. But this entails a free response to all the graces we receive during our life's journey which includes our regular participation in the sacramental life of the church and its teachings.

Our minds are such precious gifts which from the beginning of life can grow and develop countless images and words to be recalled in a second or even less time! This precious gift needs to be daily fed with the beauty and joy of God's creation and to avoid that which can distort our thinking and responses. Being surrounded by all that is good and wholesome nourishes our spirit, mind and heart. Our heart is the very core of our whole being and it is there that God can speak to us if we are in union with him in all our undertakings. When in doubt the Word of God and our times of personal prayer are means of spiritual nourishment. God can speak in us and through us if we are in union with Him; let us open our minds, our ears and our hearts to God who is our only judge and is present to us every day.

Spirit, mind and heart are as one. It is our heart which is the core of our whole being. It holds the key to all our thoughts, words and actions which when united with Christ enables him to speak in us and through us. Let us live our faith, open our minds and hearts to his everlasting presence forgiving and loving all people as God loves individually each one of us. Jesus in your heart we find divine love in a human heart. Amen.