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THIRTY— THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

Our readings bring with them intense, even dramatic, images of endings—destruction, persecution, and a future wrapped in uncertainty. But these passages aren't meant to frighten us; on the contrary, they call us to be a people of perseverance and hope. In the Gospel, Christ speaks not just of a future event, but of a continual state of being. He tells us that the temple will fall, that there will be wars and distress, yet He urges us: "Do not be alarmed." Why? Because these disruptions are signs of something new breaking through. The essential message is this: the Kingdom of God is already at work, even when the world around us seems chaotic.

Perseverance, then, is not about grimly hanging on until the end. It is about actively living the Gospel in the *now*, regardless of circumstance. It is the quiet heroism of the person who continues to serve, to love, and to remain faithful when the world demands compromise or despair. As Saint Augustine of Hippo wisely reminds us, "God had one son on earth without sin, but never one without suffering." assuring us that our path, like Christ's, includes the cross.

This Sunday challenges us to examine the quality of our hope. Is our hope rooted in the stability of this world—in financial security, political peace, or personal comfort—all things that can, and will, pass away? Or is our hope fixed on the unwavering reality of Christ's promise? Pope Saint John Paul II gives us the ultimate assurance in this regard: "The cross means there is no shipwreck without hope. There is no dark without dawn, no storm without haven." It is the deep-rooted faith that knows the final victory has already been won by Christ, and that our current struggles are temporary.

This week, let's embrace the quiet call to vigilance. Let us prepare for the return of the Lord not by scanning the horizon for signs of disaster, but by committing ourselves daily to acts of justice, mercy, and compassion. When we live fully in the light of the present moment, loving God and neighbor, we are truly prepared for whatever the future holds, knowing that Christ's love is the one thing that will endure forever.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
6.00pm: Red Wednesday Mass (19th November)
5.00pm: Saturday (Vigil Mass)
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday- Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

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— Opened on Sunday after 10.30 am 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."

Pray for the souls

The month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for all the faithful departed. It is a sacred time when we as a community of believers, unite our hearts in love and prayer for those who have gone before us. Marked with the sign of faith.

Let us offer masses, prayers and sacrifices for our departed family members, friends and all souls in purgatory, trusting in God's infinite mercy.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they Rest in Peace. Amen"



COMING UP

November 19th—**Red Wednesday Mass**

November 30th-December 2nd—**Australian Catholic Youth Festival**, Melbourne.

Please Note — There will be No Saturday Vigil Mass on 13 December as we come together for the **Diocesan Christmas Service: Carols at St. Mary's**

You are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, uniting in joy and thanksgiving during this holy season.

VOLUNTEERS

A Special Thank You to all those who have volunteered their time and skills thereby enhancing the capability of our Parish. There are always many ways to be involved if you are willing. A special call out for Readers at all our Masses. (Especially - Saturday night Vigil Mass).

St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series

St Mary's Cathedral is delighted to host two upcoming concerts:

- ◆ **Hobart Orpheus Choir – Fauré's Requiem**
2pm | 15 & 16 November
Enjoy an inspiring performance of Fauré's much-loved *Requiem*, along with a selection of other choral works.
- ◆ **Ensemble Antiqua – Baroque Works Inspired by Spain**
7pm | 21 November
Ensemble Antiqua returns with a beautiful program of Baroque music by Spanish composers and musicians influenced by Spanish tradition.
Tickets are available via the Cathedral website: www.stmaryscathedralhobart.org.au/events



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.**

PIETY STORE (Advent & Christmas)

Our piety shop is running hot with Columbian & Advent Calendars, Christmas gifts, Books, etc as well as the normal range of Catholic merchandise. The Shop will **"not be open"** after Sat & Sun evening Masses on the weekends of the 8/9th and 15/16th of November but will still be open after 10:30am Sunday Masses.



From Our Anniversary Book: John & Mary Hanniffy, William Nolan, Brian Bresnehan, Max Coghlan, Salvatore Pignalosa, George Banks, Fr. Denis Murphy, John Warren, Harriet Brown, Leslie Whelan, Leslie Foley, Simon Ralph, Benjamin Morgan, Fr. Donald Shaw, Patricia Young, Eva Scoles, Myrtle Pearton, Lugiano Buracchi, Sr. Mary Healy, SSJ, Mary Warren, Margaret Burke, Titus Steenhuis, Roberto Frediani, Lily Headlam, Pauline McCann, Margaret Carpenter, Sr. Mary Mechtilde Dillon. **May they rest in peace!**



Share the Joy: Donate to the Vinnies

Christmas Hampers

The St Vincent de Paul Society is preparing Christmas hampers for individuals and families in need within our parish. This year, Vinnies is especially seeking donations of toys and gifts for children.



Suggested items include:

- **Ages 0–2:** soft toys, picture books, stacking blocks
- **Ages 3–5:** puzzles, Lego/Duplo, craft sets, dolls/action figures, dress-up kits
- **Ages 6–9:** board games, sports balls, science kits, art packs
- **Ages 10–12:** headphones, journals, books, craft kits
- **Ages 13–16:** \$25 gift cards, skincare packs, headphones, books, accessories, experiences

Donations may be placed in the baskets at the back of the Cathedral.



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Join St Mary's Cathedral Choir

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.....come into his presence with singing."

The Cathedral Choir would like to extend an invitation to any parishioners interested in joining for 10:30am mass. We are a mixed voice choir with a small time commitment, rehearsing from 9:30am prior to Mass as well as one evening per week. While good music sight-reading skills are a bonus, they are not essential for most of the music. Music ministry is a great way to get involved with parish life. Singing in a choir is also fun, rewarding and a great way to experience singing some of the most beautiful music ever written.



Save the Date

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School
is celebrating
130 Years of Catholic Education!

Join us for an afternoon and evening filled with memories of the past and a look into the future. Reconnect with old friends, enjoy drinks and dinner. Take a stroll through the school and our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

Date: 28th November

⌚ Time: 3:30 pm - 7:30pm, cutting of cake: 5:00pm

📍 Location: 22 West Goderich St, Deloraine

Let's celebrate the legacy and future of Catholic education together!



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.

Advent Reflections: Join us for biblical reflections and prayer in preparation for Christmas. Spiritually focus amidst the Advent season, drawing on themes of hope, peace, and anticipation.

Dates: Wednesdays 26 Nov., 3, 10 & 17 Dec. **When:** 7-8:30pm.

Where: Zoom. **Register:** christine.wood@aohtas.org.au or 6208-6236.

Cost: free.

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians

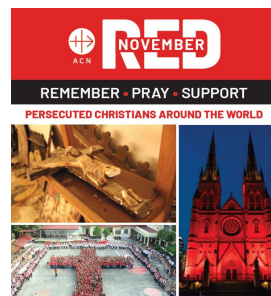
Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout

Red November. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and



download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting

www.rednovember.org



Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry – Upcoming Events

- **Advent Twilight Conversations** Thursdays, Nov 27–Dec 4, 11&18, 5–6pm. Themes: Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. \$20 pp.
- **Retreat with Chris McPhee MSC** Sat Dec 6, 10am–2pm. *Spirituality for Navigating Change.* \$132 pp.
- **Courage to Be – Reflection Day** Sat Dec 13, 9am–3pm (new date). Theme: Hope. \$50 pp.
Contact admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au or (03) 6228 1628 for info or support.

Highlights of Catholic Standard—November Edition

- Joyful celebration marks church's 125th anniversary (Somerset church)
- Audit shows Archdiocese of Hobart a safe and welcoming place for all
- To Jesus through Mary: 250 gather at St Mary's to honour Our Lady
- New head of Blueline focused on the dignity of work
- Carols at St Mary's: A new chapter of Christmas joy
- Hats off to historic school celebration (Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine)
- Tasmanian ACYF pilgrims sent forth with hope and joy
- Powerful testimonies given at pro-life conference
- Students shine a light as missionaries of hope (World Mission Masses)
- Vibrant faith community celebrates unity (Invermay)



READINGS OF THE DAY THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel

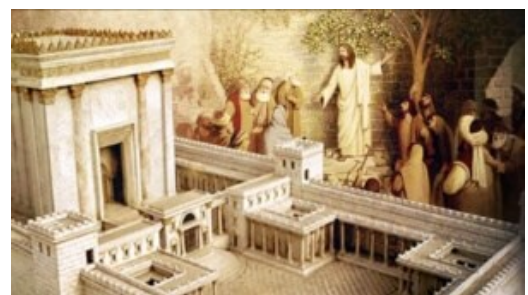
Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 17th November	-	Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday 18th November	-	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 19th November	-	Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 20th November	-	Luke 19:41-44
Friday 21st November	-	Luke 19:45-48
Saturday 22nd November	-	Luke 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading	-	2 Samuel 5:1-3
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2
Second Reading	-	Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel	-	Luke 23:35-43

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.