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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C **31TH AUGUST 2025**

“When someone invites you to wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour”

Our readings today talk consistently about behaving humbly, something that we as humans find difficult to always practice. Our society today, starting in our schools and through into the work force, honour and exalt people for their achievements. So much so that it becomes part of our nature to want to sit in the place of honour whenever we gather as a community but unfortunately their can only be one place of honour which leads to such feelings as jealousy, humiliation and even anger.

Jesus though has a different concept, a concept that does not demean your attempts at being better but instead says start from a humble position. Be the one who is willing to sit in the lowest seat, be the one who shows others that no matter how much you have achieved you are still able to be humble.

“The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for greater though the power of the Lord is, He accepts the homage of the Humble”

For when we practice humility we place ourselves in a position of being equal with those around us, we recognise the value of others. God created us all equal and grants us all the same rights and hopes within our time he on earth but it is how we treat each other that brings us into the true light of our Lord. We see this through Christ’s words in our Gospel today when He tells us;

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted”

Our second reading today tells us that everyone is a first-born child and a citizen of heaven. This is our hope in the lord and this includes the poor, the crippled, the lame the blind and so on. When we look at our lives today do we see this in the way we live among those around us. As we gain prestige and rewards in our lives do we still recognise those around us as equals, as fellow first-born children of God.

It is so easy to be above looking down, to sit at the head of the table presiding over all around us. To do this in reality is easy, so much easier than being Humble. Jesus told us that each time we look to the care of others from a place of humility we are actually caring for Jesus himself. This is the true strength of humility that Jesus is calling all of us to practice.



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 and Thursday
No Mass on 3rd of September
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

Sun August 31 First Holy Communion 10:30-12:00 pm, Cathedral.

Wed September 3 No Mass at SCH due to Pastoral conference.

Fri September 5 Healing Mass 7:00pm, Level 2 Cathedral
Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

National Child Protection Week, which will be held from 7-13 September 2025 and Safeguarding Sunday, celebrated on Sunday 14 September.

September 13 Sabbath Reflection Day, Hobart.

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The August 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:

- New Archbishop of Hobart installed: 'From descendant of a convict to a shepherd among you'
- Fifty years on, Fr Mike recalls 'incredibly powerful' ordination
- Evangelium offers inspiration and encouragement
- Man of the Shroud: An encounter with Jesus is 'a great love story'
- Catholic organisations unite to shine a light on homelessness in Tasmania
- 'Safeguarding is a work of love, flowing from the heart of Christ'
- School's Green Thumb Team enjoys growing success (Our Lady of Mercy Deloraine)
- Catholic Education Week 2025: A statewide celebration of faith, service, and hope
- Jubilarians celebrate 60th anniversary of priestly ordination
- Seven more catechists instituted to serve across Tasmania



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.

Healing Mass

"THE PRAYER OF FAITH WILL SAVE THE ONE WHO IS SICK, AND THE LORD WILL RAISE HIM UP. " JAMES 5:15
7:00 PM AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL CENTRE,
LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM),
180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART
(ROSARY AT 6.40 PM)

From Our Anniversary Book: Margaret Kilmartin, Thomas Rose, Mary McCarthy, Eileen Fox, Jeremiah Barnett, Josee Korytkowski, Mario Cundari, Madge Bugg, Thelma Wright, Kathleen Francis, Zelinda & Donato Vacca, Frances Kinsella Patrick Connor, Valerie McDonald, Melva McLelland, Donato D'Amato, Cornelio Valentini, Florence Watt, William Philbin Patricia Burton, Mary Allison Hodgson, Rocco Calabrese, Mabel Russell, Kerry Maddox, William Van Der Hoek Virginia Hills, Josie Sullivan, Veronica Lowenstein, Marie Miller, John Darcey, Josephine Pauly, Antonio Gabriel Domenico D'Orsogna-Bucci, Bernard Hudson, Louise Hudson, John McKeown, Edna Boland, Clarence Coad, Darby Quinn, Mollye Walters, Gerald Nolan, Sr. Mary Paschal Briggs, Katharine Ann Connor, Peter Joseph Shaw, Sr Therese Nicholaso(PBVM), Sr Virgil Wryell (PBVM) and Sr Agnes O'Connell(PBVM).

May they rest in peace!



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2025

Year 9 – 25 years plus leaders

WANT TO KNOW MORE? COME TO ONE OF OUR INFORMATION SESSIONS

DEVONPORT	HOBART	LAUNCESTON
Our Lady of Lourdes Church 17 August at 10:30am (after Mass)	Cathedral Centre 13 August at 6pm	Launceston Pastoral Centre 17 August at 6:30pm

For details on our Information Sessions, and to register your interest, scan the QR code, or visit: <https://forms.gle/hbJ5Y9QinN6xrJ58>



Archdiocese of Hobart

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Celebrate National Child Protection Week
7-13 September 2025

“SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION”




Safeguarding Sunday
14 September 2025

www.napcan.org.au

Your donations help with living allowances, aged care, medical costs, and more.



Archdiocese of Hobart

Sick and Retired Priest Fund Annual Collection
Sat 30 & Sun 31 August 2025

Appeal envelopes available in your parish, or you can donate at hobart.catholic.org.au

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



Spiritual formation opportunities

Spiritual formation opportunities coming up:

Sabbath - rest in God's unresting love

Reflection day, Hobart, 13th September.

Servant Leadership - more than foot washing

2 day retreat in Hobart, 15 & 16 September.

Lead on... The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola for Leaders.

A 6-month program of retreat in daily life for those who lead. Starting November 1. For further details of all the above please contact Belinda Chapman on 0418 141 171 or see the site: belindachapman.square.site

Eucharistic Apostles of the Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Every 4th Thursday of the month, starting with an information session on 28th August. 1pm – 3pm (includes afternoon tea break. Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road. Contact Sue Clausen on 0409 391 133.

KOINE AND BIBLICAL GREEK FOR BEGINNERS: Every Thursday, 18th Sept. to 20th Nov., 10.30am-12.30pm at the Lindisfarne Pastoral Centre, 3 Bay Road Lindisfarne. Join Dr David Daintree AM for this 10-week beginner's course. \$90 Registration Fee.

Registrations: <https://events.humanitix.com/koine>

PRO-LIFE GENERATION

SAVING OUR UNBORN

HPLS PRESENTS

TAKING UP THE FIGHT PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE
HOBART, OCTOBER 25, 2025

FOR DETAILS, VISIT HLPSTAS.COM.AU




Reflection Day on the theme of Sabbath

Wonder at the invitation to remember the Sabbath and delight in holy rest, and discover how to be in sacred time, receiving nourishment and joy.

Saturday 13th September, 2025

At: Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre (Mission and History centre)

67 Clare Street, New Town

10am – 3pm

Cost \$50 (including morning tea, BYO lunch)

Facilitated by: Belinda Chapman

Bookings Ph: 0418 141 171 or email belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Please book by 9th September

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

First Reading

[Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29](#)

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave
humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11](#)

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24](#)

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness,
or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice
speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no
more should be said to them. But what you have come
to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the
heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have
gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in
which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of
heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme
Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who
have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator
who brings a new covenant

Gospel Acclamation

[Matthew 11:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they
watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable,
because he had noticed how they picked the places of
honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a
wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of
honour. A more distinguished person than you may
have been invited, and the person who invited you both
may come and say, "Give up your place to this man."
And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to
go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest,
make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so
that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend,
move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the
table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'
Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or
rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by
inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite
the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they
cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate,
because repayment will be made to you when the
virtuous rise again.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 1st September	-	Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 2nd September	-	Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 3rd September	-	Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 4th September	-	Luke 5:1-11
Friday 5th September	-	Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 6th September	-	Luke 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

[Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C](#)

First Reading	-	Wisdom 9:13-18
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, R. v.1
Second Reading	-	Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	-	Luke 14:25-33

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.