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All Saints Day - Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Celebrating Hope, Holiness and Eternal Life

The beginning of November invites us to reflect deeply on the mystery of life, death and eternal life. On 1 November, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, followed by the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, on 2 November. Although these celebrations have distinct meanings, both remind us of our Christian calling to holiness and our hope in the resurrection.

On All Saints' Day, we honour all those who have entered the glory of heaven, including not only the saints officially recognised by the Church but also the countless holy men and women whose names are known only to God. They come from different nations, cultures and backgrounds, yet they share one thing in common: they lived their lives with faith, love and trust in God.

In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), Jesus presents us with the path to holiness. He calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, merciful, pure of heart, peacemakers and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. The saints show us that holiness is not reserved for a select few. It is a vocation for every Christian, lived out through ordinary acts of kindness, forgiveness, generosity and faithful service.

The saints are our companions and examples on the journey of faith. Their lives encourage us to persevere through difficulties and to keep our hearts fixed on Christ, who is the source of all holiness.
On All Souls' Day, we remember in a special way our deceased family members, friends and all the faithful departed. We pray for them, entrusting them to the loving mercy of God.

The Catholic Church teaches that death does not destroy the bonds of love that unite us in Christ. Through the communion of saints, the Church on earth remains spiritually united with those who have died and those who already enjoy the glory of heaven. Our prayers for the departed express our faith in God's mercy and our hope that they will share fully in the joy of eternal life.

Visiting cemeteries, offering Masses for our loved ones and lighting candles are meaningful ways of expressing our remembrance, gratitude and hope. Even in our grief, we are invited to trust in Jesus' promise: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

All Saints' Day reminds us of our heavenly destiny, while All Souls' Day calls us to remember our departed with love and prayer. Together, these celebrations invite us to live faithfully, love generously and prepare our hearts for eternal life.

May the saints inspire us, may God's mercy embrace our departed loved ones, and may we continue our earthly pilgrimage with the joyful hope that, one day, we too will share in the fullness of life with God.



St. Mary's Cathedral Hobart

Mass times

7.30 am - Tuesday - Friday
5.00 pm - Saturday
10.30 am & 6.00 pm - Sunday

Refer the 2nd page of the Newsletter for All Souls day Mass times

Sacrament of Reconciliation
4.00 pm - Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration
6.00 pm - Midnight - Friday

Sacred Heart Church - Newtown

Mass Times

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

Novena to Our Lady
9.45 am - Wednesday

Rosary
7.30 am - Saturday

Lawrenny Court (Mass)

10.30 am - Friday

Sacraments and Devotions

Enquiries for baptisms and marriages please contact the Parish Office

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on Floor 1. Starting at 12.30 pm

Piety Shop - Thursdays 10 am - 3 pm
Saturday & Sunday opened after every Weekend Mass.

safe communities Archdiocese of Hobart

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.

All Souls Day Mass Times

November is a month devoted to the loved ones who have departed from us.

Monday 2nd November is All Souls Day.

Mass Times are:

All Souls Day

9.15 am - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

12.00 pm - Wellington Chapel (Millingtons) Cornelian Bay



7 .00 pm - St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart (Requiem Mass)

November Mass Envelopes

The Church dedicates the month of November to pray for our deceased loved ones. November envelopes are available for those who wish to offer Masses.
Pick up your envelope at the foyer of the Cathedral, Sacred Heart Church and the Parish Office.
Return envelopes to Parish Office or place in collection plate during Mass.
Names will be added in the Remembrance book and Masses offered for them.

Clergy Retreat - 2026

Please note that the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hobart will be on a clergy retreat from 9–13 November. Kindly keep them in your prayers.
(Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church daily masses will not be celebrated during this time.)

Conversations in the Spirit – Synod Resource Documents

Two resource documents on Conversations in the Spirit are available to all parishioners. These documents provide an understanding of the methodology, practice and formation guiding this process within the Archdiocese of Hobart.
As the Archdiocese prepares for the upcoming Regional Listening Sessions, parishioners are invited to read these resources and keep the process in their prayers.
Please pray for guidance, wisdom, understanding, love and compassion as we come together as one to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern the direction in which He is guiding our Archdiocese.

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. ThroughthesameChristourLord. **Amen.**



From Our Anniverssary Book - Leo Doyle, Graeme Norris, Mary Chisholm, Brian Sertori, Sr. Katheleen Howe, RSJ, Maureen Mary Davoren, William McErvale, Marion Le May, Ruby Joyce, Tibor Tari, Donato Brighella, Donald Westell, Olga Andolfatto, Nicola Venettacci, Nicola Basso, Maria Allocca, Fr. Seraphim McIvor, CP, Margaret Ward, Jonas Sirgunas, John Pratt, Sally Elizabeth Bonner, Maria & Raffale Bocchino, Jack Stuart, Mary Flynn, Keith Wright, Mary Brown, Peter Harrington Nicholls, Sr Margaret Ann Chandler, Ronnie Farhart, Grace Lowe, Kathleen Fox, William Mackey, Maria Gala, Derek Stone, Marino D'Alfonso, Alesandro Caccavo, Sr. Margaret Littlejohn, Hilde Filipek, Joan Nobes, Case & Cooper Families, John Stubbs, Lee Pollard.- ***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 Archdi- ocese of Hobart YouTube c hannel. 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

SYNOD
HOBART ARCHDIOCESE 2027

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

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED?

Attend listening sessions

Diocesan-wide prayer

Individual reflection and Formation opportunities

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.

REGIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS
10AM - 4PM

31 October, Devonport

7 November, Launceston

21 November, Hobart

14 - 16 May 2027
Diocesan Synod Gathering

To register, scan the QR code or visit:
https://collections.humanitix.com/regional-listening-sessions-synod-202
Registrations close 11 October.
For more information contact synod@aohtas.org.au

Carols at St. Mary's 2026



12 DECEMBER
7:00 -9.00 PM
GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM

Carols at St Mary's

Archdiocese of Hobart

Catholic Formation for Children Aged 3-9.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation program based on Montessori educational principles for children between the ages of 3 and 12 years. It aims to help nurture and strengthen the relationship between God and the child, while growing in their understanding of scripture, liturgy and the church. To learn more, follow the QR Code.

Bellerive/Lindisfarne Parish will begin hosting the program **starting Saturday 7th November 2026** for children aged 3 – 9 years at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre located next to the Church of the Incarnation, Bay Road Lindisfarne.



Children 3 – 6 yrs:	**Saturdays 9:00 – 10.00am**
Children 6 – 9 yrs:	**Saturdays 10:30 – 11.45am**

To find out more about having your child attend either session, or to volunteer to support this rewarding ministry, please email: Catherine Sandric csandric@mackillop.tas.edu.au or call 0407552239 for more details.

READINGS OF THE DAY- FEAST OF THE ALL SAINTS

First Reading
Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

Second Reading
1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 2nd November	- John 5:24-29
Tuesday 3rd November	- Luke 14:15-24
Wednesda 4th November	- Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 5th November	- Luke 15:1-10
Friday 6th November	- Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 7th November	- Luke 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 8th November 2026

First Reading	- Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 62:2-8
Second Reading	-1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel	- Matthew 15:1-13

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.