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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C **17TH AUGUST 2025**

Faith That Confronts and Transforms

The Gospel for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 12:49–53) presents us with one of the most challenging statements of Jesus: “Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” At first hearing, these words can unsettle us. Isn’t Jesus the Prince of Peace? Didn’t the angels announce peace at His birth?

To understand this, we must recognize that the peace Jesus brings is not a shallow comfort or a polite avoidance of conflict. It is the deep peace that comes from living in God’s truth — and that often means confronting falsehood, injustice, and sin. The “division” Jesus speaks of is the inevitable tension that arises when the Gospel challenges entrenched attitudes, habits, or social structures. Following Christ is never a passive act; it requires courage to stand for what is right, even when it costs us relationships, comfort, or security.

The first reading (Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10) offers a powerful example. The prophet Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern for speaking God’s message, which was unwelcome to the powerful of his day. His fidelity to God placed him at odds with those who preferred denial to truth. Jeremiah’s courage foreshadows the cost of discipleship that Jesus Himself speaks of in the Gospel.

The second reading (Hebrews 12:1–4) reminds us that we are surrounded by a “cloud of witnesses” — the saints who have run the race before us. They inspire us to persevere in faith, “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus,” even when the journey is hard. The Christian life is compared to a long-distance race that requires endurance, discipline, and determination. This Sunday’s readings challenge the popular notion that faith should always make life easier. Authentic discipleship can, in fact, stir up conflict. When we speak out against dishonesty, defend the dignity of the vulnerable, or refuse to compromise moral values, we may face opposition even from those closest to us. The “division” Jesus speaks of is not His desire for hostility, but the unavoidable reality that truth demands choices — and not everyone will choose the same path.

However, the purpose of this division is ultimately healing, not harm. Just as a surgeon must cut away what is diseased to save the body, Christ’s truth exposes and removes what prevents us from living in God’s love. True peace can only be built on justice, repentance, and reconciliation. For us today, this means asking: Where is God calling me to take a stand? Where do I avoid conflict at the expense of truth? Do I value Christ’s approval above human approval? These questions are not comfortable, but they are necessary if we are to live as disciples in a world that often prefers shadows to light.

As we gather for the Eucharist this Sunday, may we draw strength from the One who endured the cross for our sake. Let us pray for the grace to speak and live the truth in love, to bear the cost of discipleship with courage, and to work for the kind of peace that only Christ can give — a peace rooted in justice, truth, and the transforming fire of God’s love.



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- Thursday
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.”

Thank you!

Last Sunday was a big day for our Parish, we took the opportunity at our 10:30am Mass to show our appreciation towards Archbishop Julian Porteous, for his ministry of love and faith that he has given not only to the Archdiocese of Hobart but also towards all of us in the Cathedral Parish. After Mass we had a morning tea/sausage sizzle giving everyone a chance to share a bite to eat and a conversation with his Grace. Afterwards a small but dedicated group of parishioners gave off their time to help clean and prepare our beautiful Cathedral for the installation of Archbishop Anthony Ireland. I would like to share my appreciation to all who made last Sunday possible, helping with preparation, cooking, cleaning, and the little jobs in between that often go unseen, events such as these would not be possible without your generous support. A thank you to Bakers Delight New Town who kindly donated the bread. Thank you and God Bless.

THIS WEEK

Mon August 18 The Man of the Shroud 4pm-6:30pm, Guildford Young College, Hobart College Chapel.

Tue August 19 Chatter that Matters 7 pm, 1st Floor Parish Centre. We invite you to hear Deacon Nick Macfarlane talk starting at 7pm and finishing by 8:30pm. Drinks and bites to eat available

Thu August 21 The Man of the Shroud 4pm-6:30pm, St Aloysius Middle Campus, Huntingfield College Chapel. Kingston.

Fri August 22 Adoration 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

August 25 RCIA Program 6:30-08:30pm, 1st Floor Parish Centre.

August 29 Virtuosi Tasmania Concert 6:00-7:00pm, Cathedral

August 31 Sunday Mass & Parish First Holy Communion

10:30-12:00 pm, Cathedral. May you keep in your prayers, the children as they journey to receive the Sacrament.



Golden Jubilee

All are invited to join Fr Mike Delaney as he celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination with Masses on :August 20, 2025 - Wednesday ,Mass will be celebrated at 7pm, Christ the Priest Church, Kingston followed by supper-August 22, 2025 - Friday A concelebrated Mass for Fr Mike Delaney and Fr John Murphy SDB at 11am, Christ the Priest, Kingston.

From Our Anniversary Book: Nicolina Rinaldi, Anne O'Loughlin, Honora Devitt, Francis Sexton, Ivan Thiessen, Peter Huigsloot, Margaret Northam, Thora Chaplain, Hugh Sullivan, Massoud Abraham, Cyril Green, Peter Nichols, Sr. Kathleen Twomey, Pasquale D'Amato, Marianne Sidebottom, Ronald Glenn Peters, Mariannina Mangione, Palma Di Tommaso Adamo Franov, Fred Radford, Joan Braithwaite, Joan Verrell, Ellen Josephine O'Brien, Beatrice Mackey, Denis Conlan, Barbara Mundy, John Ashwood, Bette Usher, Garry Willis, Ernesto Schiro, Kathleen Andrews, Kathleen Terry Ethel Hanlon, Lauretta Di Domenico, Norah Youl, Sr. Mary Gabrielle Dillon, Mary Foster, Catherine Cape, Giovanna Taglieri, Rex Mundy, Sr Joseph Fitzpatrick(PBVM), Sr Chanel Hudson(PBVM) and Sr Gabriel Dillon(PBVM).

May they rest in peace!

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.



Welcome Archbishop Anthony

With joy and gratitude, we warmly welcome our new Archbishop to our Cathedral parish. Your arrival marks a new chapter in our shared journey of faith, hope, and love. As our shepherd, you come to guide, teach, and inspire us to grow ever closer to Christ and to live out His Gospel in our daily lives.

We thank God for your leadership, your pastoral heart, and your willingness to serve His people with humility and dedication. Here at the Cathedral, you will find a community rich in faith, eager to support you in prayer, and ready to walk with you in building up the Kingdom of God.

May the Holy Spirit guide your every step and may Our Lady's intercession be your constant strength. Welcome, dear Archbishop we look forward to journeying together in faith and mission.

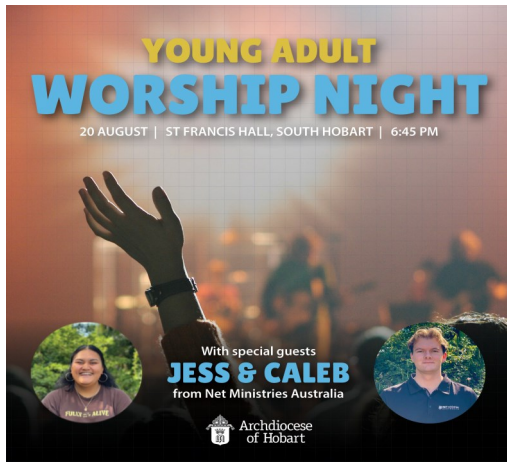
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**.





The Man of The Shroud

Shroud of Turin, copies of first century artefacts and the latest scientific evidence on this world-renowned linen cloth. Could this be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ and the evidence of the Resurrection? Free entry.

18 August	Guildford Young College, Hobart	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm
21 August	St Aloysius Middle Campus, Huntingfield	College Chapel	4pm – 6.30pm

Spiritual formation opportunities

Spiritual formation opportunities coming up:

Pause - Retreat for women (especially in the middle years or in a time of transition). August 22-24, Low Head.

Sabbath - rest in God's unrelenting 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



READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR–C

First Reading

[Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10](#)

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14](#)

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 12:1-4](#)

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us

not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood up for such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death

Gospel Acclamation

[John 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 12:49-53](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 18th August	-	Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday 19th August	-	Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday 20th August	-	Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday 21th August	-	Matthew 22:1-14
Friday 22nd August	-	Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday 23rd August	-	Matthew 23:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	-	Isaiah 66:18-21
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15
Second Reading	-	Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel	-	Luke 13:22-30

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.