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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 26TH APRIL 2026
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

We often complain about the current trend of the online space—the sense that nothing is private or sacred anymore, that every moment is "content" to be harvested, and every conviction is subject to the endless quest for likes and followers. But we should be careful not to blame the medium for the message. The internet is merely a tool that amplifies the best and the worst of human nature. This desperate need to be liked, this hunger for the "popular answer," is not an online phenomenon; it is a human one. It is the ancient temptation to value our reputation over our mission.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great saw this clearly long before the first screen ever flickered when he wrote:

"Pastors who lack foresight hesitate to say openly what is right because they fear losing the favour of men. As the voice of truth tells us, such leaders are not zealous pastors who protect their flocks, rather they are like mercenaries who flee by taking refuge in silence when the wolf appears."

This "mercenary silence" is the ultimate betrayal. It is the leader who sees the wolf—the cultural shift, the moral compromise, or the convenient lie—and chooses their own comfort over the safety of the fold. They remain "liked", but they leave the flock defenseless.

This brings us to the gravity of today. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, as we pray for vocations, we are not simply asking for more workers to manage the institution. We are praying for future priests who will have the courage to live the reality of the words from our second reading: **"The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.** This is the antithesis of the modern "popular" leader.

- **The World's Standard:** If you are "punished" (criticised, unfollowed, or marginalised), it is seen as a failure of branding or a lack of "relevance."
- **The Shepherd's Standard:** If you are punished after doing your duty, it is a sign of your fidelity to the Voice of Jesus Christ.

A true shepherd is someone who accepts that the price of protecting the truth is often a personal cost. We are praying for men who do not look for an escape hatch when the "popular" crowd turns on them. We are praying for leaders who find their "merit" not in the applause of the flock, but in the quiet approval of the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who was Himself the "stone rejected by the builders." If we want to see the Church flourish, we must stop asking our leaders to be quiet and "agreeable." We must instead pray for the spirit of Saint Catherine of Siena, who understood that silence in the face of the wolf is not a virtue, but a tragedy. As she famously challenged the leaders of her own day:

"We've had enough of exhortations to be silent! Cry out with a hundred thousand tongues. I see that the world is rotten because of silence." When we pray for vocations today, let us pray for leaders who love the flock enough to be disliked by the world—men who would rather stand at the Gate and endure the "punishment" of the world than take the easy, silent path of the mercenary.

MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart



7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
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

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

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PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

PIETY SHOP— Thursday, 10 am - 3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



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GOOD SHEPHERD AND + VOCATIONS SUNDAY



GUIDE OUR HEARTS.
INSPIRE OUR VOCATIONS.
SEND US FORTH IN YOUR LOVE.

“ Vocation is the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts.

Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.

– POPE LEO XIV

+ A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. You know each of us and call us by name. Help your people to respond generously to your voice.

Give courage and guidance to those you are calling to serve the Church as priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, so that they may serve your people with holiness and joy. Amen.



PRIESTHOOD
To serve God’s people with love and faithfulness.



RELIGIOUS LIFE
To give one’s life totally to Christ in community.



DIACONATE
To be a servant of the Gospel in the Church.



MARRIAGE
To love as Christ loves the Church, faithfully and selflessly.



SINGLE LIFE OF SERVICE
To serve others with an undivided heart.

+ THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ANSWER GOD’S CALL.

To All Our WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS



On Sunday, 3rd May after the 10:30am Mass, there will be four computer stations set up on the first floor of the Cathedral Parish Centre.



Anyone who needs to obtain a RWVP card or a Police check is welcome to come along and sit with one of our assistants and do all the online preparations.



Be aware that you will require **three forms of ID** from each classification. Information sheets showing classifications are available at the back of the church for you to pick up.



Once preparations are completed, a simple trip to **Service Tasmania** will seal the deal.

THANK YOU

From Our Anniversary Book

Carmel England, Charles Flynn, Harry Clarke, Victor Miller, Amy McLure, Renee Elizabeth Chandler, William Corby, Monsignor Bernard Rogers, Maria Lewicki, Bortolo Gesiotto, Salvatore Amorosa, Jessie Viney, Dulcie Rollins, Ruby Ann Markham, Sauro Giana, Alexander Robertson, John Phillips, Austin Locke, Patrycja Wilanowska, Mary Gillon, David Fahey, Teresa Broszczyk, Anna D’Ettore, Ellen Oakford, Alfred Harrold, Louis Jelss, Courtney Campbell, John Howe, Rocco Caccavo, Sister Mary Joseph McVilly PBVM, Maria Wild. **May they rest in peace !**



HEALING SERVICE

HE HAS RISEN

01 MAY 2026

MASS AT 7:00 PM

ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL CENTRE,
LEVEL TWO (UPPER MEETING ROOM)
180 HARRINGTON STREET
HOBART



ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION
WITH
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



Friends of the Cathedral



Calling all those who love our Cathedral.

We are starting a “Friends of the Cathedral” group that will meet on Wednesday afternoons around 1pm for a cuppa and biscuit.

Our wish is to create an atmosphere of community where we can chat, have a laugh and get to know each other. Maybe do some odd jobs around our beautiful heritage building or maybe just spend some time in prayer or reflection.

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Michael or talk to Christine at the piety shop.

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SISTER TERESA (TESS) RANSOM RSJ

After a full life of 95 years,

Sr Teresa Ransom died on **16 April 2026** after having been a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for 77 years.

Sr Tess lived her childhood in **Southport** – one of ten children. Leaving Southport she joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Juniorate at **Newstead**, and then the Sisters' Novitiate at **New Town**.

After Profession Sister Tess was a teacher in many **Tasmanian Schools** and is still fondly remembered.

The Funeral Mass will be held at **Sacred Heart Church, New Town** on **Monday, 27th April 2026 at 10.30 am.**



May she rest in peace.

The Regina Coeli

Queen of Heaven, rejoice.

R. Alleluia.

For He, whom you did merit to bear.

R. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. R. Alleluia.

Pray for us to God. R. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Archdiocese of Hobart

Catholic Standard

Easter 2026:
From darkness to light

Archbishop Tony Ireland presided over well-attended ceremonies throughout Holy Week at St Mary's Cathedral in Hobart. Read the story on page 5.

Faith and friendship help young Catholics cross the finish line

By Catherine Stanton

A group of young Catholics who competed in this year's Hobart Marathon say faith and friendship were their inspiration, getting them across the finish line of the 42-km course in just under four hours.

Vincent Parr, an employee of the Archdiocese of Hobart, and his friends Max Hodge and Benz Pabangay, trained hard in the lead-up to the marathon which took place on Sunday 12 April.

Starting at 6am, runners follow the course on Hobart's stunning waterfront, around Constitution

Dock, the Salamanca Wharves, Battery Point, and along Sandy Bay Road beyond West Point.

"It felt amazing crossing the line at the end of what seemed like forever," Vincent said.

"After putting in 20-60kms a week of training leading up to the marathon, it was great knowing that all the hard work had paid off."

"The marathon was a mental battle as well as a physical one. From 20km onwards there were many times where I was tempted to take a walking break, but I kept pushing and took each kilometre at a time. Continued on Page 3

St Brigid's marks 100 years of Catholic education in the Derwent Valley

By Heather Exall

A century of stories came together on 23 March as St Brigid's Catholic School in New Norfolk celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Past and present students, staff, families, and parishioners gathered to mark the school's centenary with a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tony Ireland.

In his homily, Archbishop Tony reminded those gathered that the heart of the school has always been its students.

"Without the children of our buildings we have no purpose, without the children the teachers have no one to teach," he said reflecting on the generations who have "played, learned, grown". Continued on Page 4



Perspicere: Exploring Vocations
See 0200 7



Bishop Mark Freeman Ordained
See 0200 11

Here are the highlights of this edition:

- ◆ Faith and friendship help young Catholics cross the finish line
- ◆ St Brigid's marks 100 years of Catholic education in the Derwent Valley
- ◆ 'Our hearts were deeply touched': Archbishop visits Bruny Island
- ◆ Holy Week 2026: From darkness to light
- ◆ Facing the challenges of life's journey with faith (Palm Sunday Pilgrimage, Launceston)
- ◆ New series invites young people to explore their vocation
- ◆ New Burnie-Wynyard youth group thrives
- ◆ 'You are the light of the world': Young Vinnies commissioned
- ◆ Lead Youth Ministry Training forms young leaders
- ◆ Parishioners share joy at Bishop Mark's ordination

READINGS OF THE DAY—4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading—Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been

no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation - John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 27th April	- John 10:1-10/John 10:11-18
Tuesday 28th April	- John 10:22-30
Wednesday 29th April	- John 12:44-50
Thursday 30th April	- John 13:16-20
Friday 1st May	- John 14:1-6
Saturday 2nd May	- John 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 3rd May 2026

First Reading	- Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22
Second Reading	- 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel	- John 14:1-12

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.