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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 30th MARCH 2025

The 4th Sunday of Lent Year C offers lessons about God's mercy and love. The readings show God's forgiveness and call us to reconcile with Him and each other. God's Mercy, is the free gift of a merciful God given to us through Jesus, His, Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ. As an act of love and gratitude to God Who is "rich in mercy" and as an expression of our Faith, we are invited to share Jesus' sufferings by doing penance during Lent so that we may inherit our eternal salvation and the glory of his Resurrection in Heaven.

In the first reading, God constantly makes things new for his people. He leads his people into new life as they enter the promised land with Joshua. He leads us to new life with Jesus. With God it is always possible to become a "new creation." When we confess our sins, God removes the old things and reconciles us to himself through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross.

In the second reading, Paul speaks of a "ministry of reconciliation." We all have a part to play in this ministry. We need to forgive others so we can reconcile with them. We need to tell them that God is willing to forgive us through Jesus' death on the Cross.

In the Gospel, the father welcomes back his lost son. This shows God's endless mercy for those who repent. The story of the lost son, tells us a great deal about Jesus himself. His actions are the starting-point of the story. He's explaining why he 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. They're the lost ones, the ones he's bringing home to God. For Jesus, all persons who have strayed from God are not truly themselves. So, in the midst of his failures and mistakes the lost son comes to understand that he will be happy again only in the company and home of his father. Meanwhile his father is longing for him to return, and as soon as he catches a glimpse of his son returning, he starts running along the road to embrace him and bring him home. God wants to embrace us and bring us home to our Father.

MORNING TEA CELEBRATIONS AT SACRED HEART CHURCH, NEW TOWN

Sunday 23rd March 2025



The Cathedral Parish last weekend celebrated two faithful servants of God at Sacred Heart Church, New Town with flowers, gifts and morning tea in the Parish Centre. Maureen Chisholm (left) and Audrey Storey (right).

Maureen Chisholm has served as the sacristan at Sacred Heart Church, New Town, for more than 45 years and Audrey Storey has served in the flower ministry for more than 40 years. The Cathedral Parish is truly grateful and gives thanks to

Maureen and Audrey for their warmth, love, commitment and talents shared within the church community.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
7.30am Tuesday - Friday

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
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

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS
AND MARRIAGE*

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

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

***ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
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Please contact 62086236***



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."

WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE PARISH

Children's Corner:

Lent is a time to focus on the act of forgiveness. We ask God to forgive us for the wrong things that we do. In the story of the prodigal son....

What wrong things did the younger son do? _____

What did he do to show he was sorry? _____

When I do things against my friends, I can show them that I am sorry by...

When I do things against my family, I can show them that I am sorry by...

When I do things against God, I can show him that I am sorry by...

Blank lines for writing reflections on friends.

Blank lines for writing reflections on family.

Blank lines for writing reflections on God.

St Mary's Cathedral Parish Weekday Mass Celebrations

Due to the construction work on site at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, the 7.30am weekday Masses (Tuesday – Friday) will be celebrated in the Cathedral Crypt - Cathedral Centre



Request for Palms – Sunday 11th of April for the Palm Sunday Masses in the parish. Please bring your palms to the Cathedral Centre by 3pm on Thursday 10th April.

Laetare Sunday - 4th Sunday of Lent, is known as "Rejoice Sunday." The Latin word 'Laetare' means "Rejoice," the first word of the introit of the liturgy for this Sunday.

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 Stations of the Cross:

6pm Friday Night during Lent

4th April - Sacred Heart Church, New Town

11th April – Sacred Heart Church, New Town



St Mary's Cathedral Parish Raffle

Here is your chance to win some fantastic prizes and help support a worthy cause.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Tickets will be on sale in the foyer at the end of weekend Masses, in both St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

Raffle will be drawn on Sunday 4th May

We have 13 fantastic prizes on offer, generously donated by Mario & Romilda Amorosa.

All money raised will be put towards the purchase of a defibrillator for St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart Church.

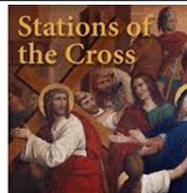


Thank-you to everyone who and purchased tickets and the individuals who assisted with the fundraising last weekend.

The fundraising amount stands at \$945.00.

LENTEN RESOURCES: Sign up to the Cathedral Parish FORMED Subscription for free <https://formed.org/>

A beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori. Take advantage of this audio on your commute, at home, or anywhere you find the time, to enrich your prayer during Lent or throughout the year, and better unite yourself to the Passion of Christ.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Photo credit: Arlette Bashizi/Caritas Australia

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

From Our Anniversary Book: Reginald Gillam, William Cox, Sadie Freeman, Elia Longo, Giulia Longo, Francis Philbin, Augusto Tamayo, Betty Parkes, Mervyn Dolan, Hylton Jarrett, Merv Conway, David Westbrook, Cain Lorkin, Edward Sweeney, Eric Ogilvie, Elizabeth Mitson, Mary Bugg, Terrence Connor, Jacopo Maluta, Sr. Valerie Marguerite Burns, Kathleen Brooks, Jackson Myrtle, Sr. Christina Astell, (LCM), Firmino Favretto, William Jeffrey, Philip Ryan



May they rest in peace!

WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE

FR MICHAEL TATE 3RD LENTEN TALK - The Gospel of Mark:

Declaration of War - against Death

Dealing with the cross and the finding of the empty tomb up to the point where St Mark finishes his gospel at 16:8.

Fr Michael Tate will present a third Lenten talk, at St Francis Xavier Hall, 34 Anglesea Street, South Hobart, on Wednesday, 2 April at 7 pm. All are welcome.

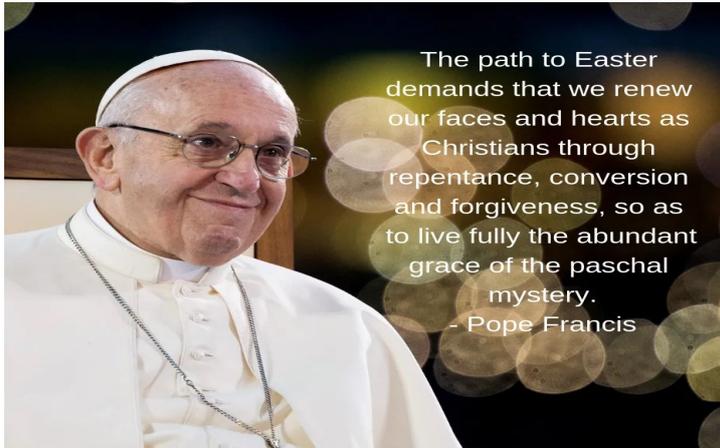


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The path to Easter demands that we renew our faces and hearts as Christians through repentance, conversion and forgiveness, so as to live fully the abundant grace of the paschal mystery.
- Pope Francis

"THE RIGHTEOUS CRY OUT, AND THE LORD HEARS THEM; HE DELIVERS THEM FROM ALL THEIR TROUBLES."
PSALMS 34:17

Healing Mass & Eucharistic adoration

Fri 4 April 2025

Mass 7.00 pm

followed by Adoration & Prayer Ministry

SACRED HEART CHURCH
1 CROSS ST, NEW TOWN

ORGANISED BY ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH
IN COLLABORATION WITH
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HOLY WEEK PROGRAM 2025 – CATHEDRAL PARISH

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HOBART

13th April - PALM SUNDAY - 10.15 am / 6.00 pm

15th April (Tuesday) CLERGY RETREAT at LUTANA- 9.00 am

15th April - CHRISM MASS- 6:00 pm

16th April - Holy week Wednesday Mass - 7.30 am

17th April - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER -7.00 pm

18th April - GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross - 9.00 am

Passion of the Lord - 3.00 pm

19th April - EASTER VIGIL- 7:00 pm

20th April - EASTER SUNDAY- 10.30 am

NO 6 pm Evening MASS

SACRED HEART CHURCH, NEW TOWN

13th April - PALM SUNDAY – 8.20 am

14th April - Holy week Monday mass- 9.15 am

16th April - Holy Week Wednesday Mass and Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help - 9.15 am

18th April - GOOD FRIDAY Station of the Cross - 10.30 am

19th April - NO MASS ON SATURDAY MORNING

20th April - EASTER SUNDAY- 8.30 am



The Archdiocese of Hobart presents **No Greater Love – Passion Play 2025**, a dramatic portrayal of the Passion of Christ. Enriched with powerful music and heartfelt performances, this production is a meditation to reflect on our Lord's suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection.

The second performance will take place at **Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, Glenorchy** on **11 April 2025, at 6.45 pm**. This special event brings together young adults from various southern parishes in a moving depiction of Christ's love.

Stephen Kirk Unplugged Concert – Launceston

Enjoy an intimate evening of music with renowned Catholic singer-songwriter, Stephen Kirk, who will take you on a soul-moving journey sharing the inspiration behind his songs. Light refreshments are included in the price of the ticket. Drinks will be available for purchase from the bar.

WHEN: Friday, 4 April 2025

WHERE: Hotel Grand Chancellor – Room 4 - 29 Cameron Street, Launceston

TIME: 7 pm – 9 pm (doors open at 6 pm)

COST: \$20 per adult, \$15 concession

To purchase tickets - <https://events.humanitix.com/stephen-kirk-unplugged-launceston>

Music in the Eucharist Workshop – Launceston

Inviting all musicians, liturgists, and anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the role of music in entering into a more profound participation in the Eucharist! This free workshop led by Stephen Kirk will explore the vital role of music in the liturgy and provide practical guidance on enhancing the Mass through thoughtful musical selections.

A light lunch will be provided, so registrations are essential.

WHEN: Saturday, 5 April 2025

WHERE: Pastoral Centre - 44 Margaret St, Launceston

TIME: 10 am – 1 pm

COST: Free

To register - <https://events.humanitix.com/music-in-the-eucharist-workshop-launceston>

Register for both events by Tuesday, 1 April 2025 for catering purposes



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 Jane McKeown (03) 6234 4463.

READINGS OF THE DAY – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me."

So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 31st March	- Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday 1st April	- Jn 5:1-3,5-16
Wednesday 2nd April	- Jn 5:17-30
Thursday 3rd April	- Jn 5:31-47
Friday 4th April	- Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday 5th April	- Jn 7:40-52

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

First Reading	- Isaiah 43:16-21
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 125
Second Reading	- Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel	- John 8:1-11

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.