

30th AUGUST

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

DIVINE LOVE IN A HUMAN HEART

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps. 62)

Is my soul, my whole being thirsting for you, my God. Did I ask for life or choose to be me?

Did I make a gender choice to be born male or female? What unique gifts or talents do I have to share with others? What am I made of which makes me to be.... me? Have I ever wondered what really called me into existence and for what purpose.? I am made in the image and love of God. "God created man in the image of himself; in the image of God he created him male and female he created them. (Gen 11; v.27) and again; "God is love, and anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him." (Jn 4;16). I invite you to prayer Ps. 62 (Greek version) of the Psalm. Pray it each day this coming week. It is on your AVE today. This is frequently included in the Prayer of the Church. Jesus, I trust in you. Fill my heart with your love so that I may love as you love. (ST. Augustine.) This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good. What it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. (Rom.12.12).

We strive for perfection in every aspect of our lives, but we can never attain perfection. God alone is perfect. It is when we acknowledge the loving presence of God in our hearts and actively respond to the movement of the Holy Spirit that we are graced to 'live justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with our God. "We are made of love, for love, to be loved and to give love as God in Jesus Christ loves us. In short, there are three things that last. Faith, hope and love and the greatest is love. (Cor. 13:13) Strong and constant is my love; Strong and constant is my love. (Frank Anderson)



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
(No mass on Wednesday)
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday
7.30am: Saturday—Rosary

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

4.00pm - 4.30pm: 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*

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)
Every Wednesday on floor 1
starting at 12:30 pm

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

Sacrament of First Holy Communion—2026

To our Parish Candidates, today, as you take this important step in your faith journey, in receiving the body and blood of Christ, may your faith continue to grow stronger each day. May you always feel the warmth of God's love in your heart. May the grace of this sacrament guide you throughout your life. Congratulations and God bless to all Twenty five candidates!

As a parish community we also acknowledge with gratitude the faithful service of individuals who prepare, teach and journey together through faith with the candidates.

We give thanks for the gifts of the Cathedral Parish Sacramental Team, the parents, the school catechists and school principals.

Father's Day Parish BBQ – Sunday, 6 September

Celebrate the wonderful fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in our parish family!

Join us immediately following the **10:30 am Mass on Sunday, 6 September**, for our Father's Day BBQ.

All parishioners, family, and friends are warmly invited to share in good food, fellowship, and community spirit.

Cost: Free (all welcome!)

Fundraising: Voluntary donations will be gratefully accepted on the day, with all proceeds directly supporting our parish young adults as they prepare to travel to Seoul, South Korea for **World Youth Day 2027**.

Come along, enjoy lunch, and help send our youth on their pilgrimage of faith!

Cathedral Parish Sacramental Program 2026/2027 Information Night

The Cathedral Parish invites parents and carers to begin their children's sacramental journey for the 2026/2027 program.

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion are important milestones in nurturing your child's faith and building upon their Baptism.

Families interested in preparing their children to receive these sacraments are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Information Night:

Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: St Mary's Cathedral

This session will provide details about the preparation program, key dates, and the support available to families throughout this sacred journey.

For further information or enquiries, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office. We look forward to journeying in faith with your family.

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. . .**

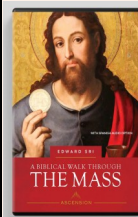
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

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.**



A Biblical Walk Through the Mass Parish Study Program



Ever wondered why we say what we say and do what we do at Mass? Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, a 5-week video study by Dr Edward Sri (Ascension Press) that explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy's prayers, gestures, and rituals. Whether you have attended Mass your whole life or are newly discovering the Catholic faith, this program will renew your understanding and deepen your devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

Duration: a 6-week program starting on Saturday 19th September.

Location: Cathedral Parish Centre – 1st Floor

10 am to 10:30 am for morning tea

10:30 am to Midday for session

Cost: \$25 per person (includes participant study workbook and materials)

Registration: Please sign up at the parish office or via the registration sheet in the foyer by Wednesday 9th September

come and discover the beauty and riches of the Liturgy in a whole new light—all are welcome!

Diocesan Pastoral Council Wednesday, 2 September 2026

Please note that there will be **no 9:15 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church** on Wednesday, 2 September, as the Pastoral Council will be meeting.

Please keep all priests and clergy attending the meeting in your prayers.

From Our Anniversary Book Ilona Batholovics, Sr. Mary Clark, SSJ, Albert Charles Colbeck, 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 **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 **Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube channel**. 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.

Calling all young adult dating, engaged & married couples

Perspicere means to see through! Our Hope for this event is to gather as young adult dating, engaged or married couples to see through the lens of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony!

Our day will consist of morning tea followed by parts from the Augustine Institute's Symbolon series, where we will explore God's plan for marriage, church teachings, and scriptural writings. Afterwards, we will move into couple connect groups and a Q&A session with special guests Sean and Sandra Werapermal, and Duncan and Martina Macfarlane. The day will conclude with a meaningful time of prayer and commitment, and a creche will be available in the church foyer throughout the event.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/perspicere-marriage>

When: Saturday September 12, 9:30am-12pm

Where: Christ the Priest Church, 2 Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach
Come along as we look to explore God's plan for marriage together!

National Child Protection Week 6-12 September 2026

This year's theme, Every Conversation Matters – Shifting Conversation to Action, reminds us that creating safe communities starts with listening, having important conversations and taking action when something doesn't feel right.

As we mark Safeguarding Sunday on 13 September, we are encouraged to reflect on the part each of us plays in creating safe, welcoming and supportive communities where children and young people are heard, valued and protected.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

A Gathering hub will be held at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Clare Street, New Town, from 9.30/10 am to 4:30 pm on **Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September** to access the *Laudato Si*-inspired national online gathering to listen deeply, reflect faithfully, and act courageously in care for all creation.

Day one features six keynote speakers from Australia and overseas; day two offers workshops, some parish-specific.

No registration is required and there is **no cost** to attend, though a small donation would be appreciated.

Participants are welcome to come and go as their timetable allows. Please BYO lunch (tea and coffee making facilities provided).

Full programme details: caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Expressions of interest/further information contact:
penny.edman@caritas.org.au or 0400 896 191



**Mary MacKillop
Spirituality Centre
Josephite Mission
Hobart**

1. Release, Restore, Reclaim retreat - Evening meal and session 6- 8pm on Friday 9th October, Saturday 10th of October 9-3pm and Sunday - 11th October 9- 11am.
Cost: \$330 incl. GST (including Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Dinner)
Facilitator: Anne Slingo – Ignatian Spiritual focus
2. Drasko Dizdar- Lectio Divina – August 29th, October 3rd, October 31st – 10am to 12.30pm \$20 pp (Morning tea provided)
3. Courage to Be reflection day based on Margaret Silf's book – The Wisdom Years – Facilitators Sr Margaret Henderson, Kylie Sullivan and Simone McManus
Friday August 28th 9-3pm \$50 pp (Morning Tea and lunch provided)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

*Cocktail Fundraiser
and Auction*

Enjoy a night out while supporting the
College's future building works.
See artwork on the night celebrating
250 years of the Presentation Sisters.

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
5.00pm-7.30pm

THE NAGLE CENTRE, ST MARY'S COLLEGE
TICKETS \$40 PP

COCKTAIL DRESS
BE BOLD AND BRIGHT! PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED
WITH CANAPÉS, DRINKS AND LIVE MUSIC

Please RSVP via
www.smc.tas.edu.au/events/cocktail-event/
For any enquiries, call 03 6108 2560

First Reading
Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading
Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him,
I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings,
by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly
pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your
behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This
is the only way to discover the will of God and know
what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the
perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation — Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he
was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously
at the hands of the elders and chief priests and
scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the
third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,'
he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned
and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an
obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples,
'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross and follow
me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it;
but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.
What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world
and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to
come in the glory of his Father
with his angels, and, when he
does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 6th September 2026

First Reading	- Ezekiel 33:7-9
Responsorial Psalm	- Ps 94:1-2.6-9
Second Reading	- Romans 13:8-10
Gospel	- Matthew 18:15-20

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God !