



# St Mary's Cathedral Parish

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**15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 16th JULY 2023**

**My dear parishioners**



Like the Sacred wounds of Jesus, His Precious Blood deserves special honour because of its close relation to the Sacred Passion. The Church has always held devotion to the Precious Blood in high esteem, since it is the price of our salvation. "and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7)

## **GROCERY DRIVE FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.**



Parishioners are welcome to donate food items to help St Vincent de Paul Society, the grocery drive will be held till **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of July** and donations can be left in the church or in the parish office. Food items such

as pasta, rice, sugar coffee, canned food, cereal etc, are all welcome.

## **Cathedral Concert Series**

The next concert as part of the St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series:

### **Capriccio Variations**

**Time:** 2:30pm

**Date:** 29 July 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

**Alexander Rodrigues** conducts Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italiano, Rimsky-Korsakov's Capriccio Espanol and Salieri's 26 Variations on La Folia Theme.

**Archdiocese of Hobart (AOH) Safe Communities Update** - The AOH Safe Communities Team have released new flyers and pamphlets on how to report abuse and neglect for children and adults at risk, report a concern, Safe Communities 10 Safeguarding Standards and contact details of services who can help individuals in their time of need. The flyers and pamphlets are available on the parish noticeboards, in the foyer of the Cathedral/Sacred Heart Church or from the Parish office.

A gentle reminder for an adult to be present with child/children when attending any St Mary's Cathedral Parish properties.

**Cathedral Carpark** - The Parish kindly requests for no vehicles to be parked outside the door of the Cathedral Centre (the access between St Virgil's College and Cathedral Centre) during Mass Times. This area is an **EMERGENCY AREA** for any Emergency Vehicles eg: TasFire and Ambulance.

In Christ, **Fr Leonard**



## **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**

**9.00am:** 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

### **ROSARY and NOVENA TO OUR LADY**

**Sacred Heart Church, New Town**  
**After 9am Mass:** Wednesday  
**7.30am:** Saturday

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**St Mary's Cathedral Crypt (Cathedral Centre)**  
**6pm - 12am:** Friday

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)**  
**Please contact 62086236**

## Sacred Heart Church, New Town Heritage Treasures

### Sacred Heart Altar

The altar at Sacred Heart Church, New Town is designed by Henry Hunter and constructed by Bernard Molloy c.1881 and reconfigured c.1995 under the direction of the then Parish Priest Fr Geoffrey Jarrett.

The material used in construction of altar is Ross sandstone and painted faux marble column shafts and the style is Gothic.

The mensa (top of the altar) and base of the original altar which stood against the chancel east wall, but detached, shortened and brought forward closer to the west end of the chancel. The front face is supported by 4 cylindrical columns with foliated capitals, square abaci and moulded bases; the rear face supported on an arcade of cinquefoil-headed arches; moulded plinth.

In the reconfiguration of the original altar, the gradine segments were used to make a base support for the tabernacle, sited against the chancel east wall centre. The quality of both design and execution of this altar are outstanding. The altar was being carved by Bernard Molloy at around the same time as he was carving the Lady and Sacred Heart side altars for St Mary's Cathedral, these very significant works being the only two complete surviving stone altars by Henry Hunter, the protégé of Bishop Willson and Tasmanian's most prolific nineteenth-century architect.

Bernard Molloy was Irish born and a prominent member of the Hobart Catholic community and was among the signatories to the illuminated address of 23 February 1865 from the laity of Tasmania to Bishop Willson on the occasion of his departure for England. Soon after the launch of the Tasmanian Catholic Standard in 1867, Molloy was placing monthly advertisements for his services as a 'STONE and MARBLE MASON, Headstones, Tombs, Monuments, &c.'



Information and Image by Brian Andrews - AOH Heritage Officer

## REFLECTION - 15TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

### We Need to Till the Soil of Our Hearts!

Today's Gospel contains the well-known parable of the sower. Jesus is teaching about the Word of God being spread like the seed that a farmer might broadcast over his field, but this is no ordinary farmer and the seed being sown is no ordinary seed. What is being sown is the word of God. As Isaiah points out in the first reading (Isaiah 55:10-11) God's word does not go out and return to Him empty. It always succeeds in what it is sent out to do. A word spoken by God created the universe. A word spoken by God brought you and me into existence. God's word is very fruitful and productive. It is like the rain that can make even the desert bloom and which is essential for all agriculture.

So too with the Word of God that Jesus is broadcasting. That Word can be extraordinarily fruitful in the lives of those who are prepared to humbly receive it into their hearts, ponder on it and act upon it. Humility is a key part of the process. The word 'humble' comes from a Latin root meaning soil (think 'humus'). Those in whose lives the Word of God thrives are those who have cultivated the desire to hear, know and love the Good News Jesus came to bring us – who want to understand and take in God's way of living.

It is clear from this parable though, that many people do not receive the word well. Some who don't understand it have the truth of it stolen from them by the Evil One. Some receive the Word with joy, but when trials come, they fall away. Some who receive the word and let it start to grow in their lives also lose it later, choked off by the worries of this world and the lure of riches. But note this very well: in the lives of those who are good soil, the Word of God produces an exceptional harvest – it is phenomenally fruitful.

So, dear brothers and sisters we should look to our hearts and see what sort of soil is there. Do we cultivate the soil of our hearts so that we can hear the Word of God and let it take root there? We have the choice to make. God respects our free will, but if we want to line up our lives with what Jesus is offering us, we need to spend time with the Word of God. Most especially we need to spend time every day, prayerfully thinking about the Word – using our minds and our hearts to hear and receive the Good News of Jesus. Saying the Rosary daily is a good start. Regular prayerful reading of the Scriptures is very effective, as is good spiritual reading (especially the lives and writings of the saints). That sort of meditation on the Good News is the key to cultivating the soil of our hearts so that we can grow in our lives of faith and be fruitful in all sorts of ways.

**Deacon Nick MacFarlane**

**From Our Anniversary Book:** John Lynch, Terrence McKillop, Violet Hawkes, Lucille Kuchnicka, William Maurice, Alicia Tokarski, John Harold Stafford, Cesira Paoli, Rita Boon, Fr. William Hall, John Crowe, Samuel Lynch, John Nedwell, Herbert Jones, Leslie Direen, Anne Conway, Martha Buckley, Phyllis Jaeger, Anastasia Drew, John Evan Asley, Dianne Burley, Cecily Yvonne Anne Kirkham, Gemma Vigolo, Celestina Di Felice, Kathleen Whittaker, Kathleen Mary Craigie, Gina Colla, Stella Stafford, John & Mary Hanrahan, Mary Sheehan, Catherine Carroll, Bruno Giudici, Gina Vivarelli, John Davis, Michael Carroll, Ila Cox, Gertrude Cosgrove, Francis Shelverton, Christina McGuire, Trevor Williams, Maria Fantini, Kiaus Assman, Cyril Shirley, Giovanni Di Monda, Vincenzo and Sebastiano Allocca, Martin McShane, Ernest White, Sheila Stephens, Sr Ursula Grachan PBVM, Sr Cecily Kirkham PBVM and Sr Elizabeth Finn PBVM

**May they rest in peace!**





## World Youth Day - Lisbon

The World Youth Day 2023 is happening in Lisbon from Tuesday 1st August - Sunday 6th August 2023.



John Villiaba (pictured at the Retreat day) is one of our Parish pilgrims travelling to Lisbon. As a Parish community, we pray for John and all the pilgrims of the Office of Youth Evangelisation-Tasmania and Catholic Education Tasmania as they prepare for their journey.

### The John Wallis Hobart Group (Highways and Byways)

Nourish your soul and be kind to your body. Join the 2023 John Wallis Winter Walk on **Saturday 29 July**. Several flat walks will be available including along the beautiful Montrose Bay foreshore and a fun walk around GYC College!



The gathering point will be St John's Church, Bowden St, 1:30 for 2 pm departure. A carpool to

Montrose Bay will be available if necessary. Yummy afternoon tea will be served on return. **Bookings (appreciated) /further information:** Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or [eva.dunn@gmail.com](mailto:eva.dunn@gmail.com)



The July 2023 edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived. **Collect your copy from back of the Cathedral/Sacred Heart Church.**

**WHAT'S NEW?**

Highlights from this edition:

- Joy as school marks 150 years of faith and education (Sacred Heart Launceston)
- Deacon grateful following surgery
- Tassie pilgrims excited and ready for Lisbon
- Fire pot event fanning flames of faith (Church of the Apostles Launceston)

### Reflection Day - Ignatian Discernment

You are invited to a day of reflection and learning to receive the gifts of:

- ♦ *making decisions in freedom and with integrity*
- ♦ *discovering a sense of identity, vocation and mission*
- ♦ *listening for the whispers of God and the movement of the Spirit*
- ♦ *opening to the grace of the life-giving 'more'*

**Saturday 22nd July**, at the **Emmanuel Conference and Retreat Centre** (123 Abbott Street, Newstead), 10am - 3pm. Cost \$40. BYO lunch (morning tea supplied). Facilitated by Belinda Chapman. **Please book by 17th July** by email: [belindachapman.sd@gmail.com](mailto:belindachapman.sd@gmail.com) or phone: 0418 141 171 or using the QR code on the flyer in the church foyer.

### Archdiocese of Hobart - MATES & DATES Event

**When:** Monday 24th July 2023  
**Time:** 6pm - 8pm  
**Where:** Black Buffalo Hotel  
**Topic:** **What does it really mean to be a man or a woman?** With Fr Warren Edwards

### A GENTLE REMINDER

The Parish requests for food and drink to be consumed on the Ground Floor of Cathedral Centre not in the Cathedral during Mass. This will protect the floorboards, minimise the risk of pest control and cleaning.

## Children's Corner



Help Jesus tell the story of the farmer sowing the seed. Add words and pictures to the story.

A farmer scattered  
--- in a field.

Some seed fell on the road  
and was...

Some seed fell on rocky  
ground where the soil was not  
deep; the plants that grew  
withered in the ---.

Draw the farmer sowing seed.

Write down what happened to the seed.

Draw what happened to the seed  
which fell on rocky ground.

Some seed fell among thorns,  
which choked the plants that grew.

But some seed fell on good ground and...

Draw thorns choking the plants.

Write down what happened to the seed that fell on good ground and draw a picture of it.

### 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.

## READINGS OF THE DAY - 15TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### **First Reading**      Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 64:10-14

#### **(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

### **Second Reading**      Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### **Alleluia, alleluia!**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

#### **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel**      Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower

going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.

### **GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

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| Monday 17th July  | Matthew 10:34-11:1 |
| Tuesday 18th July   | Matthew 11:20-24   |
| Wednesday 19th July   | Matthew 11:25-27   |
| Thursday 20th July - <b>St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr</b>        | Matthew 11:28-30   |
| Friday 21st July - <b>St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor</b> | Matthew 12:1-8     |
| Saturday 22nd July - <b>St Mary Magdalene</b>                     | John 20:1-2, 11-18 |

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 | Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 |
| Romans 8:26-27      | Matthew 13:24-30          |

### **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.