

22-23 AUGUST

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-YEAR A

Today we find ourselves arriving at the crux of the matter, the question we as disciples of Christ must ultimately answer for ourselves.

"who do people say the son of man is ?' and they said,' some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' But you,' he said' who do you say I am ? Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'you are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'"

There comes a time in every Christians life when that question is presented before them and to move forward they are required to answer. It does not matter how young we are or how old we are the question always remain the same because it is our answer that makes all the difference.

If you took the time to look it up you would come to know that they estimate there are more than 10,000 recognised or named saints in the history of the Catholic Church. Maybe it would surprise you that the youngest officially canonised saints in the roman catholic church are St. Jacinta Marto (died at age 9) and St. Francisco Marto (died age 10), the Portuguese siblings who witnessed the 1917 apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Meanwhile the longest lived by age at death is recognised as Saint Patrick of Ireland who reputedly lived to the grand old age of 106.

Why is all this important – because all these disciples of Christ, no matter how young or old answered that question when Christ asked "who do you say I am" with the same answer that Peter gave when he said "you are the Christ, the living son of God"

The most intriguing thought to this whole scripture scenario is that for his answer Simon the son of Jonah was renamed Peter and upon this rock Christ will build his Church. But delve a little deeper and you will come to recognise that everyone who gives this answer to Christ's question is a building block of God's Church.

It does not matter to Christ whether you are an Archbishop, Priest, Deacon, Religious or Lay person, what matters is your answer. It does not matter whether you sit on the Sanctuary, in the front pews or way down the back, what matters is your answer. For each person who listens to God and then comes to recognise who Christ truly is becomes a building block of stone within his Church.

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

*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



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 the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

Sacramental Program—1st Holy Communion

The Cathedral Parish will celebrate 25 candidates who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 30th August 2026 from the Parish and Parish Schools.

As a Parish community may you keep our young candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

May you continue to pray for the candidates' families, their catechists and the Parish Sacramental Team as they journey together in faith with the candidates.

Jesus, I believe in you.

Jesus, I hope in you.

Jesus, I love you.



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!

Piety shop has more copies of **Magnifica Humanitas:** Encyclical Letter on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence by Pope Leo XIV. Visit the Piety shop to secure your copy.
(Refer the 1st page for opening hours)

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.**



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!

Sick & Retired Priest Fund Annual Collection

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August 2026

The **Sick & Retired Priest Fund** was established to ensure that all **diocesan priests incardinated into the Archdiocese of Hobart** would receive adequate accommodation, healthcare and support needed in their retirement, or should they become ill.

Your priest has supported you...

Please support them in their retirement or time of need.



Sick & Retired envelopes are available in all parishes, or you can donate securely by scanning the QR code.

From Our Anniversary Book

Albert Groves, Mary Holding, Irene Wardle, Shelagh Scott, Maureen Dainer, Robert Cosgrove, Leo Mazengarb, Julius Kudor, Maree Triffett, Justino Di Sipio, Nicola Matrisciano, Walter Clark, Arthur Fletcher, Brian Speers, Gerald Hyde, Isabel Cracknell, Freda Young, Rita Bearzatto, Benita Lapolla, Gerardo Demarte, Tom Howe, Mirella Ghedini, Antonio Di Tommaso, Mary Ludeke, Celestina Zambotti, Rita Goodluck, Leo Pauly, Br. Paul Doyle, Elsa Giudici, Andrea Di Domenico, Ilona Batholovics, Sr. Mary Clark, SSJ, Albert Charles Colbeck
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!



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 - **Formed in Ignatian Spirituality and a certified giver of the First Spiritual Exercises of St Ignasius**
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)

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3-4 September 2026**. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**.

Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



Marian Movement of Priests

Visit of Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole

Hobart:

- **28 August - Cenacle at St John's Church, Richmond**

10am-11.20am Adoration,
Confessions, Rosary
11.30am Mass

- **29 August - Cenacle at Our Lady's Shrine, Lutana**

10.30am-11.50am Adoration, Confessions, Rosary
12pm Mass

Launceston:

- **30 August - Cenacle at St Francis' Church, Riverside**

4pm Rosary & Benediction
5pm Mass



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

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 24th August - John 1:45-51 (**St Bartholomew**)
Tuesday 25th August - Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday 26th August - Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday 27th August - Matthew 24:42-51
Friday 28th August - Matthew 25:1-13
Saturday 29th August - Mark 6:17-29

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 30th August 2026

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm - Ps 62:2-6. 8-9
Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2
Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

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.