

MASS TIMES AND PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

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

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

Sacred Heart Church, New Town

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
After 9am Mass: Wednesday

ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN MARY

7.30am: Saturday

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
6pm - 12am: Friday

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 30TH APRIL 2023

(Good Shepherd Sunday)

My dear parishioners,

This Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, where we are called to pray for Vocations. We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray that men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call especially to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life in the Archdiocese of Hobart!

To celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the worker and international worker's day there will be a special blessing for all workers, at the end of each Mass this weekend.

Events taking place in the Month of May.



Are you tired of small talk, mastering the art of connection - whether you're on a first date, or just getting to know someone new? **This 8-week course is specifically targeted at young adults, helping you to build the confidence to connect with others and share your thoughts in genuine and meaningful ways.** Registrations not required, anyone over 18 is welcome.

When: Mondays, starting May 8, from 6pm-8pm **Where:** Black Buffalo Hotel, 14 Federal St, North Hobart **Who:** Anyone over 18
More information: rachel.bradley@aohtas.org.au

Epiclesis Retreat Following the success of the 2022 Evangelium Project and Evangelium Conference, we are excited to invite you to the upcoming Epiclesis retreat, **a one-day event** aimed at deepening our spiritual lives and making us more effective instruments of God in sharing our faith with others. The retreat will be led by **Fr Dave Callaghan MGL**, and will include talks, times for prayer and reflection, music, and a shared meal.

When: Saturday 13th May from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Where: St Mary's Cathedral Centre, Hobart
More Information: evangeliumproject@aohtas.org.au
Register Now: <https://epiclesis-hobart.eventbrite.com.au>

Understanding Divine Mercy, with Fr Chris Alar MIC. Mentored by the world's leading experts in Divine Mercy and author of the bestselling books, understanding Divine Mercy and after suicide: there is hope for them and for you. Fr Chris Alar MIC is heading to Tasmania following the World Apostolic Congress of Mercy. This is a visit not to be missed.

WHEN: Wednesday 31st May 2023
WHERE: Saint Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
TIME: 5.30 pm Mass, followed by 6.30 pm Talk.
For further details, contact Zofia on 0438 366 447.

In Christ, **Fr Leonard**,

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**St Mary's
 Cathedral
 Parish**

St Mary's Cathedral Heritage Treasures

The Cathedral Altar and it's "Agnus Dei" Mosaic Centrepiece

The Cathedral's new stone altar, a gift of the Porteous family in prayerful memory of the Archbishop's deceased brother Richard. It is crafted from Mount White sandstone from the Archbishop's home state by Gosford Quarries to a design by Sidney Rofe. The altar mensa is supported by four Wombeyan marble columns. The altar was constructed and finished by Tasmanian stone mason's, Heritage Stone.

A quatrefoil detail in the altar's forward face contains a beautiful mosaic designed by artist Sr Agar Loche pddm of the Sister Disciples of Divine Master whose charism includes the desire to help people of our times to "pray in beauty". Consisting of venetian coloured marble tesserae, the composition is rich in meaning evoking the symbols of Christ and His sacrifice.

At the centre is the lamb standing slain upon the throne of the seven sealed book. This is Christ, dead and risen (Rev 5:6). An emerald rainbow circles the Lamb's throne indicating that His promise of eternal life is guaranteed (Rev 4:3). The jewelled cross reminds us of Christ's victory over sin and death. Its green branches bear fruits of pomegranate, referenced in scripture, and which in Middle Ages became a symbol of the resurrection.

In Christian tradition the pomegranate fruit with its red seeds symbolise individual believers gathered into a community of faith; the spiritual seeds sown by Jesus through his words; and the drops of blood shed for humanity by Him on the Cross. The fruit evokes the Eucharist as a symbol of the fullness of our Lord's suffering and resurrection and reminds us too that from the blood of the martyrs flow the seeds of faith.



Jesus is Calling – Am I Listening?

Today, on Good Shepherd Sunday, Jesus tells us that we can only be safe and thrive by following Him. When He calls, we must listen and follow Him. We are so familiar with the idea of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we can think 'that's nice' and then sleep through this Gospel without taking much meaning from it. Jesus often uses what would be familiar rural scenes in His parables but because He is talking about eternal spiritual truths, there are always things in His stories that are meant to jolt us – to provoke us to a radical response.

What do we see here? First, His sheep know His voice. They follow Him. Sheep generally don't make good pets. Unlike dogs and cats, they don't form strong bonds with humans. They tend to follow the mob. But Jesus' flock is different because they know Him.

Secondly, He calls each of them by name. He knows them as individuals. This Shepherd laid down His life for each of us individually, personally. He didn't show such amazing love for the mob, for 'humanity', He did it for you and me, and would have done the same if you or I were the only person in the world.

Thirdly, the sheep of Jesus' flock follow Him. He doesn't herd them along from behind, like a shepherd with a sheep dog forcing them on through fear of being bitten or hit. No, Jesus calls them and leads them forward in love. The bond of love between Him and His sheep is what draws them on.

Fourthly, we can see that because He loves His sheep, Jesus has their best interests at heart. He is not just waiting for them to get big enough to be slaughtered. He loves us and gives us eternal abundant life.

Lastly, Jesus warns us that He is the only way to safety. He tells us "Anyone who enters through Me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture." Anyone else calling the sheep will be a thief who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy."

So it is vital for us to listen for the voice of Jesus, Our Lord and Saviour. He will not force us to follow Him, but if we follow the mob instead, we are headed for ruin. How can we know His voice? We have to learn to listen. We need to pray, constantly talking to Jesus and listening to His voice. St Paul admonishes us to "pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:18-19). Every day and all through the day we need to be talking and listening.

We need to practise the presence of Jesus with us. Short prayers like 'Jesus, I trust in You' or 'Jesus, I love You' are very beneficial. When we see Jesus blessing us, we should thank Him. The keystone of this constant prayer is time spent doing nothing else other than being in His presence. A resolute commitment to even 10 or 15 minutes each day listening to his voice, through the recitation of the Rosary, or the prayerful reading of a small piece of scripture, or singing some hymn or psalm or praise song, is guaranteed to transform the life of His worried and overburdened sheep. In Jesus, we can find peace because He is the true Shepherd and guardian of our souls.


Deacon Nick MacFarlane

From Our Anniversary Book: John Rose, Ernest Boughton, Barry Fisher, Lila Robertson, Molly McKeown, Walter George Bevis, Dorcas Elizabeth Saunders, John O'Kane, Ethel Boon, Lesley Mulcahy, Maria Lindo, Guiseppe Mione, Cecilia Lawrence Martyn, Gwenneth Yvonne Sice, Marlene Elizabeth Burke, Florence Cook, Beatrice Jarrett, Michael Donnelly, Lloyd Abeyasinghe, John Langdon, Helen Fletcher, Holly Reeve, Michaela Bryson, Veronica Midgley, Ivan Mikan, Fr. Denis Quinn, Claude Fleming, Teresa Pocock, Patrice Williams, Barbara Harradine, Annie Baker, Noreen O'Loughlin, Albenzio Taglieri, Genovesi and Sorgi Families, Fr. Patrick Lynch, Mary Heffernan, Alfred Dowd, Kazimierz Plachta, Beryl O'Brien, Gail Tregear, Maria Patriarca, Carmel Maxine Logan, Margaret Ann Brooks, Sr Janet Sexton PBVM and Sr Columba Stephenson PBVM **May they rest in peace!**



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

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On **Sunday 30th April** is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** (Good Shepherd Sunday). This is an important time when we pray for vocations to the priesthood. Of all the different ways that we might foster vocations the one that Our Lord specified was prayer: **"He said to them,** "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)



FLOWERS NEEDED

Please contact the Parish office on 62344463 if you are able to assist in providing flowers for Parish Masses.



Epiclesis

Encountering Jesus through the Holy Spirit
With guest speaker Fr Dave Callaghan MGL

'Epiclesis' is the invoking the Holy Spirit to transform Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, so too the Holy Spirit is the means by which Christ is formed within us.

Cathedral Centre, Hobart
Saturday 13th May
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

St Francis Hall, Riverside
Sunday 14th May
10:00 am - 3:45 pm

More information: evangeliumproject@aotat.org.au



St Mary's Cathedral Parish in partnership with the **Risen Lord Community** will celebrate the **Healing Service**.
WHEN: Friday 5th May 2023
TIME: 7pm
WHERE: Cathedral Centre - Level Two

WHAT'S NEW?



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UNDERSTANDING DIVINE MERCY

with Fr Chris Alar MIC

"I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation"
(Diary, 996)



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Fr Chris has a tremendous gift to provide a deep understanding of the faith in a most engaging and compelling way.

He's a joy. He's one of God's angels.

He lights up the room.

"There is nothing that man needs more than Divine Mercy."
Pope St John Paul II

Mentored by the world's leading experts in Divine Mercy and author of the bestselling books *Understanding Divine Mercy* and *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You*, Fr Chris Alar MIC is a former wrestler and engineer with a Master's in Business Administration, and the current Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers in Stockbridge USA.

Fr Chris' biography serves as evidence for two crucial truths that he is spending his religious life proclaiming:

1. the assurance Jesus makes to St. Faustina that **"the greater the sinner, the greater the right to My Mercy"** (Diary, 723); and
2. the life-giving graces that result from Christ's mercy.

Entrusted with spreading the message and devotion of Divine Mercy throughout the world, Fr Chris is prolific in his teaching about the message of Divine Mercy and countless other topics associated with the Catholic faith.

He wrote and produced the popular *Divine Mercy 101*, and *Explaining the Faith* DVD series. Fr Chris is the host of the EWTN show *Living Divine Mercy*, and features prominently on the Divine Mercy YouTube channel that has over 350,000 subscribers.

"Fr Chris Alar MIC is heading to Australia following the World Apostolic Congress of Mercy (WACOM5) in Samoa where he is a key speaker. This visit is truly a blessing due to Fr Chris' incredibly busy schedule. Do not miss this opportunity!"

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Wednesday 31 May
Saint Mary's Catholic Cathedral
180 Harrington St, Hobart TAS 7000
5.30pm Holy Mass
6.30pm Talk

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Children's Corner

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows each of his sheep by name. Draw a flock of sheep in the sheep pen and write your name in the speech bubble so Jesus can call out your name.



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.



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

First Reading Acts 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

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

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

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.
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.
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.
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.

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

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healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

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 1st May	John 10: 11-18
Tuesday 2nd May	John 10: 22-30
Wednesday 3rd May	John 14: 6 -14
Thursday 4th May	John 13: 16 -20
Friday 5th May	John 14: 1-6
Saturday 6th May	John 14: 7 -14

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7	Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Peter 2:4-9	John 14:1-12

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God