

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	St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday
	Sacred Heart Church New Town 9.00am: Tuesday - Thursday 8.00am: Saturday 8.30am: Sunday	Sacred Heart Church, New Town NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP After 9am Mass: Wednesday
	Lawrenny Court (131 Hill St West Hobart) 10.30am: Friday	ROSARY TO THE VIRGIN MARY 7.30am: Saturday
		St Mary's Cathedral Crypt Hobart ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 6pm - 12am: Friday

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 14TH MAY 2023

My dear parishioners,

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



Prayer cards are available at the back of the church for anyone who is interested in doing this devotion during this month.

23 Children from our Sacramental Programme will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday during the 10.30am Mass. Please pray for them as they prepare for this Sacrament.

This month we are surrounded by a number of **important celebrations**, Ascension of the Lord (Sun 21st May), Our Lady, Help of Christians (Wed 24th May), Pentecost (Sun 28th May), Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Wed 31st May).

Ignite Conference 2023: Wonder. Ignite has become a landmark event in the Australian Church since beginning in 2001. **Is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.** It's a bold vision for the future of the Church. It has something for everyone: huge all-in morning and night rallies, sessions throughout the day for kids, high-schoolers, young adults and deeper sessions for adults, parents and grandparents. For further details, **see the Cathedral Centre notice board.**



World Youth day, bake sale and fundraiser collected \$ 1025.00.

I wish to thank everyone who helped in the Bake sale and those who donated to the fund. **If you would still like to help please contact the parish office on 62344463 for a donation.**

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In Christ, **Fr Leonard.**

Cathedral Heritage Treasures

'Auspice Maria' Seal

A brass inlay in the terrazzo finish floor of the forward sanctuary is a Marian symbol familiar to most Catholics consisting of two intertwined letters 'A' (Ave) and 'M' (Maria) surmounted by a crown and surrounded by a circle of twelve stars. The Book of Revelation describes a woman "clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (12:1, 2 & 5). In Catholic tradition that woman is the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially in connection with the Immaculate Conception. The symbol is called the Auspice Maria and is Latin for "Under the protection of Mary." Placed at the threshold to the sanctuary the revered monogram serves to remind us too that, as St. Louis de Montfort explained, it is through Mary that we come to her son, Jesus.



"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.

From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.

From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God."

ST POPE JOHN PAUL II

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

REFLECTION 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Come Holy Spirit - Come!

In today's Gospel, Jesus reassures His disciples that although He will leave them, He will not leave them orphans. He will still be with them through the Holy Spirit sent to them by the Father. He describes the Holy Spirit as 'another advocate'. The third person of the Holy Trinity will be with them, even though the second person of the Holy Trinity will no longer be present with them in human form. In fact, when the Holy Spirit came down on them at Pentecost, He came to dwell in them. The Holy Spirit in them empowered this small band of frightened nobodies to take the Good News of Jesus to the whole world!

That is what we see in the first reading. Because of the persecution against Greek-speaking Christians which broke out after St Stephen's martyrdom, another deacon, Philip, fled to Samaria. Because he was 'full of the Spirit', Philip proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of the town he went to. His preaching touched many hearts among people who welcomed the message of mercy and love that he brought. The Holy Spirit backed up Philip's inspired words by doing miracles of healing and deliverance among those Philip ministered to. That is what Jesus did on earth, and that is what the Holy Spirit does through faithful Christians who are prepared to share the Good News with others. Amazing things happen.

In our second reading, St Peter tells us that we must be like Philip – always ready to give a good answer to people who ask the reason for the hope we have in Jesus, Our Saviour. He admonishes us to always respond to such questioners with love – showing courtesy and respect. Our sharing of the Good News should always be an act of love.

And love is what we need in order to receive the Holy Spirit in the first place. Jesus says "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments" then the Father will send the Holy Spirit. What commandments? Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself.

Loving God means committing our lives whole heartedly to what God asks of us. In this way, our lives will reflect His joy and His peace. Our neighbours will notice and ask us about our faith. Loving others means wanting the best for them. And the very best thing we could do for anyone is to share with them the Good News of Jesus, that God loves them and is dying to heal them and free them and to bring them home to Him. Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of Your faithful ones and kindle in us the fire of Your love.

Deacon Nick MacFarlane

From Our Anniversary Book:

Myrtyle Slade, Domenic Colavecchio, Anthony Peters, Aline Foley, Vera Fahey, Fr. Francis Kent, Odilia Mackey, Maree Shea, Filomena Raglione, Edward Shelverton, Kurt Ott, Thomas Littlejohn, Diana Bannerman, William Davie, Francesca Capasso, Gladys Vince, Frances Littlejohn, Molly Dowd, Agostino Leon, Elizabeth Green, Kevin Shelverton, Irene Robertson, Alicia Tamaio, Alfred Waters, Elsie Wright, Julia Carroll, Norman Mazengarb, Coral Davis, Columba Warren, George Gardiner, Nicola D'Alfonso, David Kearney, Domenico Di Sipio, Pietro Vivarelli, Giovanna Giana, Ray Zantuck, James Manson, John Duggan, Ricardo Tamaio, Sr Mary Patricia Noonan, Sr Stanislaus O'Brien PBVM, Sr Bernadette Maguire PBVM and Sr De Sales McGregor PBVM.

May they rest in peace!



Understanding Divine Mercy, with Fr Chris Alar MIC.

Mentored by the world's leading experts in Divine Mercy and author of the best-selling books, understanding Divine Mercy and after suicide: there is hope for them and for you.



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"I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation"
(John 14:6)

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

Fr Chris' biography serves as evidence for two crucial truths that he is spreading to religious life practitioners:

1. the assurance Jesus makes to St. Faustina that "the greater the sinners, the greater the right to My mercy" (diary 722) and
2. the all-encompassing grace that comes from Christ's mercy.

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

TASMANIA
Wednesday 31 May
St Mary's Cathedral
180 Hargrave St, Hobart TAS 7000
5:30pm Holy Mass
6:30pm Talk

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MEET JOHN – OUR PARISH DELEGATE FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023



John Villaiba, 26 moved to Tasmania in 2017 and is currently working as an engineer around Tasmania. He is interested in architecture and finds St Mary's Cathedral in his words "the most beautiful building in Tassie." He has been a parishioner for a number of years and usually attends the Sunday 6pm Mass where he helps out as a reader, helps with the collection and recently as a member of the choir.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR MAY For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Children's Corner

Jesus said to his disciples, "If you love me you will keep my commandments".
Draw pictures that show you following these commandments.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Love one another, as I have loved you.



The May edition of the Catholic Standard is at the back of the church. Please take your copy home and enjoy reading.

WHAT'S NEW?



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CATHOLIC STANDARD

The miracle of motherhood

Here are some of the highlights in this issue:

- A passion for bringing Christ to others (St Joseph's Parish, Hobart)
- Divine Mercy first at Kings Meadows Parish
- The wondrous blessing of new life (St Mary's Cathedral)
- Growing support for initiative to protect the vulnerable (Safe Communities)
- Catholic social justice principles guide new CatholicCare CEO
- Evangelising spirit continues with new website



Our Parish Library is open for business and ready for books to be on loan to parishioners. There is a library Loan Register system to sign in/out for books.

Thank-you to everyone who has donated to the library. The Library is on the 1st Floor of Cathedral Centre and can be accessed during office hours.

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 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

First Reading Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*Are you interested in becoming Catholic.
Please contact 62086236*



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 15th May	John 15:26-16:4
Tuesday 16th May	John 16:5-11
Wednesday 17th May	John 16:12-15
Thursday 18th May - St John 1 Pope and Martyr	John 16:16-20
Friday 19th May	John 16:20-23
Saturday 20th May - St Bernardine of Siena	John 16:23-28

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23	Matthew 28:16-20

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.