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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON LISTEN TO HIM

Let us stop for a moment or two to reflect upon the unique individuality of our human nature. We are born with all the amazing gifts of body, mind and spirit which marks us differently, one from another from the moment of conception because of God's infinite love. This love God is for all.

When we experience new birth in all its forms of creation, it is with wonder, joy and love that our hearts fill with gratitude. We can also be filled with awe as transformation takes place by God's grace and design at every stage of life. The transformation God longs to see developing in us is our own individual growth in our relationship with him now and for all eternity. 'I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living' (Psalm 115). 'Through Him, with Him and in Him' - for Him, because of Him, in obedience to the will of our Heavenly Father. Because of his obedience, God spoke to Abraham saying, "Because you have not refused me, - I will shower blessings on you."

God has an individual love for each of us because we are the work of His hands. Do we give witness to His love for us in our daily living?

Today is the great feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus before His chosen friends, Peter, James and John. They witnessed the glorified Jesus Christ in His humanity and divinity; one with God the Father. 'This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to Him'

How do we answer God's request to listen to Him in our daily actions? Can we follow Jesus along the Way of the Cross? All glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Catechists or Teachers to assist with Parish Sacramental Program:

The Parish is requiring additional individuals to help and assist the Sacramental Program Team with formation of children and parents. The Sacramental Program occurs on Sunday afternoons for 6 weeks during the school terms.

Please contact the Parish Office for further information on 62344463.

Thank-you



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

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

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

HEALING SERVICE

08 MARCH 2024

MASS AT 7:00 PM

AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
180 HARRINGTON STREET,
HOBART

**....HE WAS WHIPPED SO
WE COULD BE HEALED**
ISAIAH 53:5



ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE RISEN LORD COMMUNITY TASMANIA



WHAT'S
NEW?

IN THE PARISH

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes are available at St Mary's Cathedral and Sacred Heart

Church to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

Project Compassion Prayer:

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent, and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who do not have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the earth, now and for all future generations. **Amen**

Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you." Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion via donation boxes, envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
AT OUR PARISH

Join us every Friday night from 6pm –12 midnight at the Cathedral Crypt. Access is through Cathedral Centre
Everyone is welcome



a place of Prayer, a place of Worship, a place of Music...

2024

Concert Series

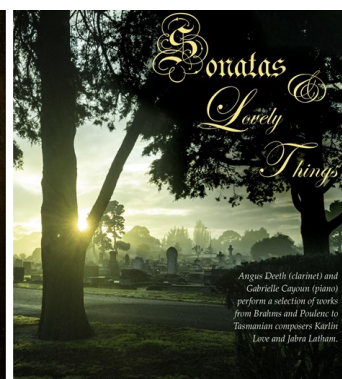
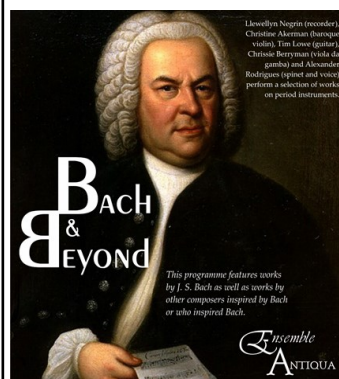
St Mary's Cathedral Concert Series 2024

Tickets at the door and through the Cathedral website.

2pm - 2nd March – Ensemble Antiqua presents Bach & Beyond.

This concert includes works by J. S. Bach as well as works by other composer inspired by Bach or who inspired Bach.

2pm - 9th March – Angus Deeth (clarinet) and Gabrielle Cayoun (piano) perform Sonatas and Lovely Things. A selection of works from Brahms and Poulenc to Tasmanian composers Karlin Love and Jabra Latham.



Stations of the Cross:

Friday – Stations of the Cross during Lent.

1st March - St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm

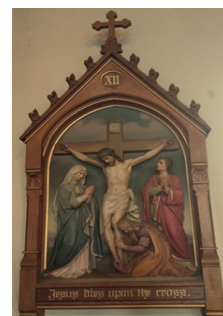
8th March - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

15th March - Sacred Heart Church at 6.00 pm

22nd March – St Mary's Cathedral at 6.00 pm

29th March - Sacred Heart Church **Good Friday** at 10.00 am Open air - Way of the Cross

3pm - St Mary's Cathedral **Good Friday** Service



CFD Spiritual Exercises

The Community of the Sons & Daughters of God (CFD) will hold their **Annual Spiritual Exercises at the Cathedral Centre from Monday March 4th until Wednesday March 6th.**

Anyone who is interested to attend all or part of this small retreat is most welcome and can contact Johanna Reussien on 0458 763 096 for more information.

From Our Anniversary Book: Rachel Waters, John Howe, Katherine Peters, Dorris Innes, Jasmine Bentley, Donato De Cesare, Colleen Gladys Margaret Fahey, John Hudson, Emma Landers, Edward Collis, Cecilia Lynch, Michele Paternoster, Giuseppina Di Re, Sabatino Monaco, Gesiotto, Toigo and Siravo Families, Angelina Di Domenico, Elsie Thornhill, Anne Daly, Olga Sowby, Donato Vacca, Isabel Chapman, Rev. Fr. Vincent Allen, Marjorie Hayward, Ada Williams, Emilio Marchesich, Zelinda and Donato Vacca, John Anderson, Henry Smith, Brother E.D. Joyce, Ada Maple, Patrick Murnane, Raffaele Palermo, Alma Pullen, Evelyn Blissenden, Enzo Botte

May they rest in peace!



WHAT'S NEW?

IN THE DIOCESE



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Join Archbishop Julian Porteous for the 2024 St Patrick's Pilgrimage. Open to all young adults between the ages of 16 and 35, pilgrims will set out from St Patrick's Church, Colebrook on an overnight walk to St John the Evangelist Church, Richmond.

When: Saturday 16 March - Sunday 17 March 2024
Where: Colebrook - Richmond
Cost: \$55 or Early Bird \$45 (ends Thursday, 29th February 2024)

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/st-patricks-pilgrimage-2024>

More information: youth@aohtas.org.au



Rite of Election



The Rite of Election ceremony was celebrated on Saturday 17th February 2024 at 5pm Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart, where three men formally declare their desire to be received into the Church.

May you keep the catechumens in your prayers.

Words from Pope Francis

"I am invited to listen to Jesus, and Jesus manifests himself, and by his Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven."

Men's Rosary Group

Men's Public Rosary every 1st Saturday of the month, to which men of all ages are invited.

Where: The Rotunda in St David's Park, Hobart.

When: Saturday 2nd of March..

Time: 1pm

Coffee and fraternal chat afterwards. All are welcome.



Children's Corner

Draw a line from each of the following statements to either Moses or Elijah.



Moses

God's law was revealed to him

He challenged King Ahab for worshipping a false god

A great prophet mentioned in the first book of Kings

He rescued God's people from Egypt

Elisha became his successor

He became the leader of the Israelites



Elijah

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.

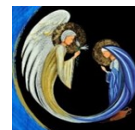
R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**
V. And the Word was made flesh.

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 - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

First Reading Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied.

'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.'

Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 115:10, 15-19

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.



Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 26th February	Luke 6:36-38
Tuesday 27th February	Matthew 23:1-12
Wednesday 28th February	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday 29th February	Luke 16:19-31
Friday 1st March	Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday 2nd March	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17	Psalms 18:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25	John 2:13-25

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.