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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A



This week leads us all into that age old Conundrum of who it is that we owe our loyalty too for this week Jesus instructed us that anyone who prefers their mother or father, son or daughter to Him is not worthy of Him. This is the cause of many heated discussions from not only those who profess no religious beliefs but also those who say they have faith.

But if you stop and think about it for a while, you come to the realisation that Jesus is not telling you to forget about your family but instead love each other and care for each other, for at the end of today's Gospel Jesus says:

"If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward".

Our Lord would never ask you to stop loving your mother or father because that is what he Did himself. He placed himself under them, grew up living and learning with them and the nearly last thought he had while dying on the cross was to give his mother the strength to go on by offering her His beloved Disciple. But his overriding loyalty was always to His father in Heaven.

I am sure we can all find examples in our lives of this very same situation. I myself, nurse an aging mother through many hurdles brought on simply by old age. I know within my heart that I could never desert her because I love her. But, I always place Jesus first in my life, he is the one I pray to, he is the one I ask questions of and listen for the answers.

I am sure that anyone who has elderly parents, young children, sickness in the family would all know how dependant others are on us at times, but who is it we all turn to when we need love and assurance. We listen to what God is saying to us because we know that he will not let us down or lead us astray which is why our loyalty is always to God first.

Never stop putting Jesus as first in your life and then you will be worthy of him and all the other loves in your life will blossom and grow for:

"Anyone who loses their life for my sake will find it".

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*

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.

An Open Invitation: Explore "The Search"

What is the meaning of life? Why do we exist? Where are we going?

To launch our RCIA year, St. Mary's Cathedral Parish is extending an open invitation to **everyone**—parishioners, seekers, and the curious alike—to join us for the first three weeks as we host *The Search*.

Produced by the Augustine Institute and hosted by renowned Catholic speaker Chris Stefanick, this visually stunning video series tackles life's biggest questions. Featuring insights from scientists, psychologists, artists, and theologians, *The Search* examines the place where modern science, philosophy, and the ancient Catholic faith meet.

Whether you want to anchor your own faith or are simply looking for answers to the big questions, come and share the evening with us.

- **When:** Every Second Tuesday nights (Commencing 16th June for three fortnights)
 - **Time:** 6:00 PM
 - **Where:** Cathedral Centre
- No registration required for these open sessions. Bring a friend, bring an open mind, and join the conversation.*

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.

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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.**



Peter's Pence Annual Collection

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June 2026

The Peter's Pence Collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to support those who are suffering around the world due to war, oppression, natural disasters, and disease.

Your generous contribution directly aids Pope Leo XIV in his charitable works, offering hope and relief to communities in need.

Please give what you can and stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable.



Peter's Pence envelopes are available in parishes, or you can donate securely by scanning the QR code.

Livestreaming at St Mary's Cathedral

Please note that the Sunday 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is always livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Hobart YouTube channel.

Most special events and ceremonies at the Cathedral are also livestreamed.



If you have any concerns or questions about this please contact: 03 6208 6094 or scan the QR code



PARISH KEY AUDIT

St Mary's Cathedral Parish is currently conducting an audit of all keys issued for access to parish premises, including the Cathedral, Sacred Heart Church, Parish Centres, and other parish facilities.

An email regarding this key audit has been sent to parishioners and volunteers who may hold parish keys. If you have received the email, please complete the online Key Audit Form by 24 July 2026.

If you have not received the email but currently hold any parish keys, please kindly scan the QR code or use the link provided to complete the form.

If you no longer require any parish keys, please return them to the Parish Office by 31 July 2026.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work to maintain accurate records and ensure the security of our parish facilities.



<https://forms.office.com/r/gq9bFtviTH?origin=lprLink>

THE CC'S - (Companions of the Cathedral)

Every Wednesday on floor 1 starting at 12:30 pm and Finishing whenever you are ready. For any more info contact Deacon Mick or see Christine at the Piety Shop.

From Our Anniversary Book

Gertrude Rose, Eliza Wiltshire, Barbara Paprotny, Edelene Crosswell, Mary Luttrell, Elizabeth Mary Berger, Cecil Owen, James Hanlon, Grace Kelly, Gabrielle Hawkins, Domenico Passarelli, Anne Fletcher, Elsie Deegan, Aileen Mitson, Ian Corby, Sr. Alacoque Cornish (SSJ), William Owen, Martin Rodriguez, Silvio Andolfatto, Marita Kirkham, Marie Philbin, Reginald Packer, Harold Aiken, Marion Allen, Harry Haigh, Patrick Conway, Eileen Hughes, Alice O'Neill, Giuseppina Corradetti, Mary Propsting, John Finn, Zelinda Vacca, Maria Passa, Giuseppina Di Narzo, Catherine Mundy, Raffaello Carluccio

May they rest in peace !



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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

Many Tasmanians are experiencing hardship during these difficult times. They face the threat of homelessness, food insecurity or work uncertainty.

There has been strong demand for the services of the St Vincent de Paul Society this year. The cathedral Vinnies group has been active providing emergency relief.

One of the Society's most important fund-raising activities, the 2026 Tasmanian Winter Appeal, is underway across parishes and the community.

This year's appeal focuses on the crisis of homelessness and the fact that many people are only one unexpected setback away from losing the security of their home.

Donations to the appeal are gratefully accepted and can be made through envelopes that will be available in the cathedral soon, or via the Vinnies website. <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>

Archdiocese of Hobart Synod 2027 – Synod Prayer

Copies of the **Archdiocese of Hobart Synod 2027 Prayer** are now available in the Cathedral foyer.

All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take a copy and join in prayer as we journey together towards the Archdiocese of Hobart Synod 2027.



1. Making a Joyful Noise – Mary-Anne Johnson and Andrew Whitaker – Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd of July – 11-12.30pm \$20 pp – light refreshments provided
2. Robyn Moore– Marriage Refresh...reigniting LOVE, LIFE and LAUGHTER” 18th of July 1-4pm – \$50 per couple

For more information contact hbart@mmsm.org.au or ring 62281628

Caritas Australia Ukraine Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia is urging the Australian community not to look away as the war in Ukraine continues for a fifth straight year. As violence escalates in other parts of the world, Ukraine is slipping from headlines, but for millions of people the suffering has not stopped. In 2026, an estimated 10.8 million people in Ukraine will require humanitarian assistance. Caritas Australia's local partners in Ukraine are providing emergency shelter, water, food assistance, psychosocial support and cash assistance to displaced families.

Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine



Here are some highlights from the June edition:

- How a painting and a poem led Fr Michael to walk the pilgrimage of priesthood
- Faith on display at Walk with Christ procession
- 'Pentecost is the permanent "climate" of the Church'
- Hundreds farewell Fr Michael Tate during moving ceremony

Faith on display for Corpus Christi | The transforming power of the Spirit

- Prioress shares 'immense peace and joy' of vocation
- Big Pub Night explores faith and hope in a broken world
- Student's courage and compassion praised
- Dominic College redevelopment honours the past while building the future
- Living tapestry of faith, friendship and creativity
- St Brigid's 'nurturing faith through the generations

Be sure to grab a copy after Mass to stay informed about the latest news, stories, and events from around the Archdiocese.

READINGS OF THE DAY THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading—Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation- 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 29th June	- Matthew 16:13-19(Sts. Peter & Paul)
Tuesday 30th June	- Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 1st July	- Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday 2nd July	- Matthew 9:1-8
Friday 3rd July	- John 20:24-29 (St. Thomas)
Saturday 4th July	- Matthew 9:14-17

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: 5th July 2026

First Reading	- Zechariah 9:9-10
Responsorial Psalm	- Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14 R. v.1
Second Reading	- Romans 8:9.11-13
Gospel	- Matthew 11:25-30

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.